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WASHINGTON.

The Closing Hours of the Short Session of Congress.

Both Houses in Session Nearly All of Friday Night.

Exciting Discussions in the Senate on Important Nominations.

The New-York Revenue Appointments Agreed to by the Finance Committee.

The Unconfirmed Appointments Killed by the Adjournment.

A Large Number to be Sent in by the President To-morrow.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 10, 1869.

The closing hours of the session of Congress were accompanied with some of the usual scenes of confusion, but were devoid of the intense excitement and eager, almost painful, interest that attended the close of the Fortieth Congress and the advent of the new Administration with the Forty-first. Both branches of Congress continued in session until well toward morning—the House on general legislation and the Senate in Executive Session. The House had rather a dull time of it, and several attempts were made during the night to take a recess until 10 o'clock this morning, one of which was only lost by the Speaker's giving the casting vote to make it a tie. Nearly everything of importance had been agreed to, save the conference report on the Whisky and Tobacco bill and the Pacific Railroad resolution. Speaker BLAINE, however, kept the House well in hand, and performed his work with a vigor and readiness that has created a decidedly favorable impression. He is already as much at home in the Speaker's chair as though he had been there for years, and has evidently made his parliamentary rules a matter of thorough study and quick attainment. The House reassembled at 10 o'clock, with really nothing of importance on the table, and hence there were two hours of intense confusion, in the endeavors of members to get the floor for various purposes. General BANKS succeeded in getting in his Cuban resolution, and after a vigorous debate and many attempts to make another disposition of it, it passed by 98 to 25. Forty members then sprang to their feet, all claiming recognition, but Mr. BURDETT, of Missouri, was recognized with a South Carolina contested election case. Thereupon the Democrats resorted to filibustering, and the case was finally withdrawn. Various unimportant matters were then put through, the last act of legislation being to pass a resolution directing the doorkeeper to retain an armless soldier in employ during the recess. Mr. DAWES, from the Committee appointed to wait on the President, reported that he had no further business to communicate to Congress, and at precisely 12 o'clock the Speaker's gavel fell, and the House was declared adjourned *sine die* for the first session of the Forty-first Congress.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

In Executive Session last night, there was, it is reported, considerable debate on several nominations. The Senate closed doors at 10:40 and remained in session until 4 o'clock A. M. There was a long debate on the nomination of Ex-Congressman ASHLEY for Governor of Montana, and he was finally confirmed by the close vote of 28 to 22.

THE NEW-YORK APPOINTMENTS.

A large number of confirmations were then made, but none of the New-York Revenue appointments were confirmed. A majority of the Senate made an effort to dispose of them, but action was staved off by persistent filibustering. Several whisky men were hovering about the lobbies and hobnobbing with certain Senators in the refreshment rooms until a late hour, as well as receiving and transmitting messages from and to the Senators. The result was that the nominations have lapsed and will have to be sent in again on Monday. This morning in open session Senator PENTON appealed to Senator CONKLING to give way to allow him to make a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confirming these nominations, but Mr. CONKLING declined, and other matters being taken up which led to discussion, an Executive Session was prevented and no Senator was able to get the floor to offer a resolution to rescind the thirty-seventh rule of the Senate, so that the nominations might go over to the extra session of Monday in full force.

THE WHISKY RING.

The whole effort of the whisky ring has been to postpone action, hoping to defeat such measures BAILEY and DARLING by getting delay. It will avail them nothing, however. Those nominations having all been unanimously reported to the Senate by the Finance Committee, will again be sent in on Monday, and if everybody expects a new deal, they will soon discover their mistake. The result thus far has been to strengthen the men assailed, and nothing has been really gained by the ring beyond the postponement of their utter defeat until another day.

NOMINATIONS NOT CONFIRMED.

The number of nominations which failed was fifty-one, most of them for want of time. But two adverse reports were made, one in the case of C. C. CROWE, of Alabama, as Governor of New-Mexico, and the other in the case of JAMES WADSWORTH, of New-York, for the United States Marshal. Neither were rejected, but both failed for want of action, which is equivalent to rejection. Beside the New-York revenue appointments there were several pension agents, among them General PRESTISS, of Illinois, and A. R. CALHOUN, of Philadelphia, one or two Collectors and Assessors, two Surveyors-General, a dozen Postmasters, &c. In nearly every case they will probably be returned to the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE.

The closing hours of the session in the Senate were even duller and less interesting than the last moments of the session in the House. There was no perceptible haste manifested on anything or by anybody. Mr. CONKLING, immediately after the Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock, insisted on the reading of the journal of yesterday to suit his own purposes of preventing an Executive Session. Senators looked drowsy and appeared distracted to transact any business. The galleries were only one-quarter filled, although the corridors and in fact all the public portions of the building were filled with people, principally of the office-seeking class, who were interested in Executive Session and President's messages. Mr. ANTHONY occupied the chair, but unlike that of Mr. BLAINE in the House, his task was a light one. There was no legislation of any special importance. There was a Senate bill relative to the printing of the opinions of the Attorney-General, and another concerning the same official and the employment of District Attorneys.

Mr. MORTON made a last effort at this session to pay the Southern Senators from the commencement of the second session of the Fortieth Congress, to which Mr. FERRY moved an amendment. MORTON was as strong, earnest and vigorous as ever in his advocacy of the resolution. On a motion to lay on the table a division was called, and all the interested Senators voted for that side which favored themselves. McPHERSON, Clerk of the House, was every ten minutes at the door of the Senate with a message announcing the passage of bill after bill by the House.

Engrossing clerks were busy in adjoining rooms, and Senator CRAGIN, the Chairman of the Engrossed Bills Committee of the Senate, who by legislative formula must carry all Senate bills to the President for signature, was kept on a continual run between the Senate Chamber and the President's room adjoining. Never before did he exhibit so much rapidity.

At 11:30 o'clock the Banks resolution of sympathy with Cuba was reached, but nothing further was heard of it.

An effort was made to take up the bill removing the political disabilities from a large number of persons disfranchised by the Constitutional Amendment, but it failed.

The resolution to pay the Southern Senators was under debate within eight minutes of the hour of adjournment. GARRETT DAVIS had just consumed five minutes' time on it, when Mr. WILSON moved to postpone it to take up his bill explaining the Eight-hour bill. The balance of the time, almost to 12 o'clock, was occupied by him. Mr. TRUMBULL, at 11:59 o'clock, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the President, reported that the Executive had no further communications to make to Congress.

Mr. WILSON again got the floor, but the gavel of the President of the Senate pro tem. fell as the hands of the clock marked twelve, and amid deep silence he pronounced the Senate adjourned *sine die*.

The chamber was soon filled with the friends and constituents of members, and it was upward of thirty minutes before the buzz of conversation ceased and the last Senator and citizen had departed.

THE PRESIDENT BUSY.

The President, as is customary at the close of the session, came to the Capitol shortly after 10 o'clock and occupied the room devoted to his use in that building. He was accompanied by his confidential Secretaries, Generals PORTER and BABCOCK, and by Attorney-General HOAR and Secretary FISH. The other members of the Cabinet followed in a few minutes. Here the President signed the bills as rapidly as they were brought to him, and only one or two failed to reach him before 12 o'clock. Each bill received such hasty consideration from the President and Cabinet as it was possible to give in the short time at their disposal.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 10.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

The amount of fractional currency issued from the Printing Bureau of the Treasury Department for the week ending to-day was $416,750. The shipments to the Assistant Treasurer at New-York were $600,000; at St. Louis, $80,000; to National Banks, $186,000. Treasurer SPINNER holds as security for National Bank circulation $543,700,500, and for public deposits $20,976,950. The amount of National Bank notes issued during the week was $80,850; total to date, $318,796,000. Mutilated bills returned, $12,024,050; insolvent bank notes redeemed, $1,000,000; actual circulation at this date, $300,817,782. The amount of fractional currency destroyed during the week was $636,000.

CONTESTED SEATS.

The bill for the relief of ROLLINS WHITE, (being an extension of a patent,) the joint resolution in relation to a site for a new State Department, and the joint resolution appointing General THOMAS CONDON, of Chicago, as a manager of the National Asylum for Disabled Soldiers, in place of Governor OGLESBY, resigned, were not signed by the President to-day, being the last bills which passed the House, but which failed to reach the President before the hour of adjournment.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate early this morning confirmed the following nominations:

Registers of Land Offices—Louis Dugal, Denver City, Col.; Colonel Abner Tibbetts, St. Peters, Minn.; J. R. Lyman, Helena, Montana; Morgan Bates, Traverse City, Mich.; Joseph P. Clark, Olympia, Washington Territory; F. B. E. Finckbeck, New-Orleans; Charles W. Lounds, Jackson, Miss. Register of Wills for the District of Columbia—Amos Webster. Receivers of Public Moneys—James Stod, Dakota City, Nebraska; Jos. Wilkinson, Marquette, Mich.; Reuben Goodrich, Traverse City, Mich. Commissioners of Police for the District of Columbia—Dennis Burr, Dennis T. Hamilin, W. H. Chase, Charles H. Clagin, Wm. J. Murtagh. Authorney Hughes, Attorney for the District of Columbia; Benjamin F. Flanders, Vermont; C. R. Scott, Attorney for the Western District of Texas; J. W. Parvience, Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee; Horace H. Houghton, Consul at Lahaina; W. L. Sterns, Surveyor-General of Florida; Charles Dillingham, to be Naval Officer for New-Orleans; David Boggle, to be Chief Justice of Idaho; Samuel J. Holley, to be Collector at Buffalo; James A. Magruder, to be Collector of Customs at Georgetown, D. C.; J. C. Stover, to be Doctor of the Minnesota Hospital; Thomas Luce, to be Surveyor at Louisville; Edington Fulton, to be Surveyor at Baltimore; Lebon H. Litchfield, to be Marshal for Dakota; H. W. Moulton, to be Marshal for Idaho; Chauncy Howe, to be Marshal for Wyoming; Philip Bliss, to be Marshal for Washington; John W. Dunn, to be Marshal for Delaware; Edward L. Goldsborough, to be Marshal for Maryland; William E. Parker, to be Marshal for Texas; Joseph R. Bennett, to be Marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan; Joseph M. Casey, to be Attorney for Wyoming; Thos. M. Browne, to be District-Attorney for Idaho; James M. Ashley, of Ohio, to be Governor of the Territory of Montana; E. Rush Spencer, of New-York, to be Surveyor-General of New-Mexico; Edward L. Perkins, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of the Territory of New-Mexico.

THE NEW RECONSTRUCTION ACT.

The following is the full text of the act authorizing the submission of the Constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers provided by said Constitutions, and Members of Congress, as approved and signed by the President to-day:

Be it enacted, &c., That the President of the United States, at such time as he may deem it best for the public interest, may submit the Constitution which was framed by the Convention which met in Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday, the 3d day of December, 1867, to the registered voters of said State, registered at the date of said election, for ratification or rejection, and may also submit to a separate vote any article or articles of said Constitution as he may deem best. Such vote to be taken either upon each of the said articles by itself, or upon any one or more of the portions of said Constitution, as the President may direct.

SEC. 2. That at the same election the voters of said State may vote for and elect members of the General Assembly and all the officers of said State provided for by the said Constitution, and members of Congress; and the officers of regular and District of Virginia, shall cause the lists of regular and voters of said State to be prepared and carried into effect in said election, according to law, and for the purpose may appoint such registrars as he may deem necessary, and such elections shall be held in the manner prescribed by the act of Congress commonly called the "Reconstruction Acts."

SEC. 3. That the President of the United States may submit the Constitution of Mississippi to a vote of the voters of said State at such time and in such manner as he may direct, either the entire Constitution or separate provisions of the same, as provided in the preceding section of this act, and may order the same election of the voters may vote for and elect the members of the Legislature and all the State officers provided for in said Constitution, and members of Congress. Provided, That no election shall be held in Mississippi under the provisions of this act after the 1st day of July, 1869.

SEC. 4. That the President of the United States may, in like manner, at his may deem expedient, submit either the entire Constitution, or separate provisions of the same, as provided in the first section of this act, to a vote of the qualified voters of the State of Texas, and at the same election, voters may vote for and elect the members of the Legislature and all the State officers provided for in said Constitution.

SEC. 5. That if either of said Constitutions shall be ratified at such elections, the Legislature of the State so ratifying shall be convened in the city of Austin, Texas, at the Capitol of said State on the fourth Tuesday after the official promulgation of such ratification by the military officer commanding in said State.

SEC. 6. That before the States of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas shall be entitled to a representation in Congress under any such Legislature which may be elected and duly organized, shall ratify the fifteenth article, which has been proposed by Congress to the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

SEC. 7. That the proceedings in any of the said States shall be deemed final and conclusive as a complete execution thereof, until their action respectively shall be approved by Congress.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President this morning, while at the Capitol, signed and approved the following bills:

A resolution respecting the fulfillment of treaties with Great Britain.

A resolution to pay the Southern Senators from the commencement of the second session of the Fortieth Congress.

Major-General S. P. HEINTZELMAN; a resolution for the protection of soldiers and their heirs; a resolution extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal; a resolution to pay Brevet Major-General Orlando Willcox, a part of his pay; an act to extend the time for the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company to complete the first section of its road; an act to amend the act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon," approved July 25, 1866, so as not to prohibit certain land grants in lieu of those declared and fix the status of Judge-Advocates of the United States Army.

An act authorizing the submission of the Constitution of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers, provided for said Constitutions, and members of Congress.

A resolution directing local site matters to provision certain lands acquired from the Cleveland Lake Osage tribe of Indians.

A joint resolution for the relief of the sufferers of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

An act to repeal an act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868.

An act making available an appropriation heretofore made for furniture for the Presidential Mansion.

An act to discontinue Sault St. Marie as a port of entry in the Superior District, and to establish Marquette in lieu thereof.

An act concerning the Attorney-General.

Both the Senate and House bills for the removal of political disabilities failed.

TOBACCO AND SPIRITS.

The following is the full text of the act approved to-day to amend an act entitled "An Act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868:

Be it enacted, &c., That an act entitled "An Act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco and for other purposes," approved July 20, 1868, be amended as follows: Section 1, Part 1, Schedule A, be amended so that in case of a distillery or distilling apparatus erected prior to the 10th of July, 1868, on a tract or lot of land held under lease or other evidence of right, less than the quantity of land which was required by the laws of the State to be recorded in order to be valid at the time of its execution, or in any case where the title was then and now in possession of the land owner, or held with a warranty recorded and duly recorded prior to the said 10th of July, 1868, and which shall be used for a distillery or distilling apparatus, or which shall be used for a distillery or distilling apparatus, or which shall be used for a distillery or distilling apparatus, or

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE LAKE.

Must we for ever seek some newer clime,
Return we cannot, may we not delay,
Pensive on the shoreless sea of time
—Eve's fer e day!

Last look! Farewell! Farewell! for ever still some,
And whispers to Wonderlust again on thee;
[illegible] Not where is she!

Such was thy surmount, nestle yon rocky crystal,
The [illegible] Fell on her feet.

One eye, for that [illegible] Flashing on thee,
[illegible]
The sleep of Echo in her lonely cell;
[illegible]
Some dreams with your wings [illegible]
Oh, thou in mercy linger for [illegible]
In vain, in vain! The [illegible]
Already [illegible]
Of holding him, with his [illegible]
And love the more [illegible]
[illegible]
Thy [illegible]

In there no charm to [illegible] hour;
'Twas here but now, and will it be no more?
Dark Time, [illegible] he takes the
dower,
Never [illegible]
[illegible] Eternity, [illegible]
The years by [illegible]
Give [illegible] give [illegible]
[illegible]

Lov'd lake, mute rocks, grottos, and waving
[illegible]
You whom time spares, or wastes but to [illegible]
Eternal be the memory of our loves.
As least with you [illegible]

Keep it, dear lake! both in my calm and storm,
In every varied aspect of thy charms;
In these dark pines, in yon rock's rugged form
That bentles o'er.

Thrust'ning thy beauty; in the light warm gale
That wrestles thee into smiles, in every sound
That Echo wafts o'er thee while moonbeams pale
Hallow with sound.

Let the soft-sighing rose, the murm'ring wind
Breathing her name, the bird that flits above,
Ah, all the charms of the lonely [illegible]
Record our Love!

—*From the Friend of Lamartine.*

GOING HOME.

From Tinsley's Magazine for April.

A wet, dismal night—a night when, tempted by the first warm days of Spring, people who had left off fires looked curiously at their polished grates, and shuddered as the rain beat heavily against the windows and the wind howled in the chimneys—a night when not a star was visible, when the gaslights flickered and fluttered in a misty, uncertain manner, and the pavement was covered with a greasy agglutination of slime and mud—a night when sudden gusts took pedestrians almost off their feet, and sent the blinding drizzle into their faces till they could scarcely see their way; when umbrellas were a myth, and waterproofs a fond delusion; and a light fog, strongly suggestive of sore throats and rheumatism, hung over the marshy districts of London.

Three o'clock in the morning, and on Waterloo Bridge—silence over the great city—the great dark hive that loomed so grimly against the leaden sky, while the busy brains of over-restless men kept feverish watches through the still small hours.

Not a sound save the splash, splash of the river, as it swept under the cold stone arches, sucking and licking the piers with its fetid, hungry tongues; the distant rumble of a market-wagon or a home-returning cab; or the chimes of the city churches, telling how time was passing away.

And a woman, weary and foot-sore, with garments that hardly protected her from the rain, a shawl so thin and ragged that it required all the strength left in her long, lean arms to prevent its being blown away, offered a silver threepence to the toll-man at the gate.

A bright fire was blazing in the little room, and somehow it looked cheerful with the dreariness without; and the man as he held his coat tight up in his neck to shield him from the piercing blast, looked askance at the way-farer who had interrupted him.

He was used to these tramps: they would sleep in the recesses of the bridge on the warm Summer nights—ay, and in the bitter Winter, too; they swarmed on the water steps, where they lay huddled together, old and young, a loathsome, hideous mass. He had grown quite accustomed to the tide of human misery that crept so closely to the dark, silent river. Did they think, those poor offcasts of humanity, that when life was too hard, even for them, to bear, there was rest beneath those cold, turbid waters, a home somewhere below their Stygian obscurity?

He was wont to pity all classes of destitute humanity, and write pamphlets on the women's darned, mended, [illegible] desire to be annoyed added to the lateness of the hour, caused him to look closely at her before delivering his change. She didn't seem exactly like a beggar; there were signs of delicacy and better days in the white, sunken face, whose outline he could scarcely catch through the dark wavy hair, which was soaked in rain thicker beneath the faded bonnet.

He was a kind-hearted man, one who had seen much suffering himself.

"It's a bad night for you to be out in, my girl; a terrible bad night."

The woman drew her shawl tighter round her shivering form.

"You needn't tell me that," she replied, with a ghastly smile. "I know that as well as you."

"Take care you don't get blown over the bridge," returned the man; "there's a wind enough to do it."

"There's no such luck," retorted she bitterly; "death don't come to those who seek it."

"Well, it's a bad look-out when one wants to seek it. I suppose you're going home?" This was a side hit.

The woman drew herself up.

"What's that to you?" she flared out. "What business is it of yours where I'm going? Can't you give me the money and let me go, and not keep me here in this villainous rain?"

"Well, you needn't be so sharp. Surely a fellow could ask a civil question without being snapped up like that. It ain't no matter to me where you goes."

"Then what did you ask for?" she retorted, impatiently, taking the coppers; then, as if she regretted her rudeness, she said more gently, "Yes, I am going home, if that will satisfy you—such a home as it is. Good-night, old fellow."

The wind and the rain shut the door for him; the wind and the rain beat against the toll-house windows, like angry spirits clamorous for entrance, and the wind and the rain sent the poor wanderer far on the bridge out of his sight.

He sat down again in his wooden arm-chair beside the genial fire. He could not rest, however, but started nervously as the north wind howled lower round his little cabin, or a gusty [illegible] which his fancy gave a hideous shape fell on his listening ear.

Twice he rose, and peered out through the misty panes of glass that constituted the toll-house windows, as if he could see anything but the drops of rain that trickled in miniature rivulets down the dim transparency; as if he could see anything but the murky darkness, the bitter, cruel night.

"I wish I'd followed her," he muttered to himself; "I'm blest if I don't. It's queer to me if she ain't a ram-up; but, dash it! what's a fellow to do?"

He couldn't run after every tramp that chose to go over the bridge, he thought. With this reflection he endeavored to soothe the uneasy mind that would not allow him to be at peace.

And the woman or girl—for in spite of her squalor and misery she looked youthful even now—sped swiftly on till she reached the middle of the bridge. There was no one to stay her; the recesses were all deserted; she was there in the darkness, the silence, and the rain, as lonely as though she were in an eastern desert. Alone in the very heart of London, midway between these two fixed masses of habitations that stretch on either side the wonderful regal river. To her left, amidst the gaunt, tall houses, vague reflection made the waters blacker still, towered St. Paul's Cathedral, England's heroes' mausoleum; while far above, far past the [illegible] spires, with their evening of twinkling lights, lay the old Abbey, like a colossal shadow of its sanctuary, like a veil from the past with the holiness of age around it. There were lights in many a window yet, telling of those to whom night is no night, the sick, the dying and overpressed—telling of those up to the eight-hours' work, no righteousness, but a necessity for harder work filched from the over-excited brain.

The silence was all exterior. She knew well, vagrant as she was, that there are hundreds of dwellings in which night is the real day, during which men work and toil and fight, groan and fall, in the great battle of life. She knew, God alone knows how bitterly, that fell held high carnival during those midnight hours, and that while the children of God slept the calm sleep of the just, fiends laughed over the ruin of immortal souls.

But all this was nothing new to her. There was no hand, devil's or angel's, stretched forth to help her in her fearful need. She stood for a moment on the parapet, her hands clasped tightly together, and looked down into the black, [illegible] waters. There might be a better world, she thought, there couldn't be a worse. The God who made her would forgive her if she were doing wrong. And a wild scream mingled with the gurgling whirl of the cold waters parted from a moment, and they went rippling onward as upon a broken heart.

A fortnight later, and another night in London—a soft, balmy Spring night, when myriads of glittering stars lighted the Heavens with their beauty, and shone down upon the sleeping earth like the eye of an ever-watchful Providence—a night when hundreds of pedestrians thronged the brilliant, busy streets, when carriages full of lovely women rolled along the esplanades and through the squares, and sin flaunted its paint and feathers in the most thoroughfares of virtuous London—a night when the clubs at the West-End were all illuminated, and handsome dissolute men stood on the steps or at the open windows, discussing the last new opera or the characters of their female friends—when in the alleys and corners of the old metropolis small thieves, with children's bodies, and old, cunning faces, plied their unlawful trade, and from out the merry-houses, shone through palaces that, like enchanted mansions in the *Arabian Nights*, seemed doubly dazzling amid the dinginess around, rose discordant voices, hellish laughter, mingled with the pure, still air.

There were lights in one of the large houses in Belgravia—carriages in a stage and pair stood before the door, and in one of the splendidly-furnished drawing-rooms within, sat a young girl, dressed for a ball, fastening the buttons of her tiny gloves. She was very fair—fair with the pale Saxon beauty so distinctive of our race—a delicate, aristocratic face, large, dreamy, pensive eyes, and lustrous wavy hair, falling over the white, shimmering silken robes, like a fleecy cloud on the snow-clad Alps.

Beautiful exceedingly she seemed; and so the first tall man thought—her brother evidently, by the likeness between them—as he entered the room and stood for a moment gazing at her.

"I am afraid we shall be late, Constance; it is nearly twelve now; and Lady Churchill begged us to come early."

"I am ready, William," she replied; "but there's plenty of time. We shall be weary enough before it is over." And she shrugged her shoulders with a disarming gesture of indifference.

"No revel is complete without its queen," replied her brother, gallantly. "Your adoration will have been turning themselves to death for the last two hours, fearing you would not come."

"It will do them good," she replied, with a laugh; "they will learn wisdom in time."

"And Sir Richard?" questioned her brother, looking earnestly into her smiling face.

She crimsoned—a flush of anger, not of love, and turned impatiently away.

"Sir Richard may wait forever. He has had his answer already."

Her brother lift his lips.

"I think you are foolish, Constance. Sir Richard loves you, and would make you a very good husband."

Constance twined her hands around her brother's arm, tears trembling in her eyes.

"I shall never marry, William—never. Please, don't ask me, dear. I am very, happy here with you."

He stooped and kissed the precious face that was turned so timidly up to his.

"There! Don't spoil your pretty eyes," he cried; "some one will induce you to change that resolution, I hope."

He drew her hand within his arm, and led her down the broad staircase into the hall, where a powdered footman stood with wraps upon his arm ready to adjust them into the carriage.

The street door was partly open, and a noise of altercation and rough voices speaking sharply caused the gentleman to hesitate.

"What is the meaning of this disturbance, Barnes?" he asked.

"It is a man, Sir, as is himperant, and won't go away; and John is making him."

"What does the fellow want? What business has he here?"

"He says he wants to see Miss Power, Sir."

"To see me?" exclaimed Constance, while her brother frowned.

"To see Miss Power! What insufferable insolence! And at this time of night too!"

"He is most howdacious, Sir, and says he knowed she was a-coming out, and would stop till she did."

"Constance, my love," said Mr. Power, "you had better step into the library. I will soon settle this affair."

He opened the room door for her, and then going out on the steps, stood for a moment in angry amazement at the scene before him.

An old man, bareheaded, was struggling with two of the menservants of the house, gesticulating violently, while a small crowd of curious listeners, collected by the uproar, were grinning and laughing and shouting to the combatants to have fair play.

"I will see her! I will see her!" the old man was exclaiming. "It's a matter of life and death, and I'll stop till I do."

"John, go for the police!" shouted the stentorian voice of Mr. Power.

At the sound of their master's voice the men let go their hold of the man, while four or five young urchins started off in search of the missing functionary. The old man, half-exhausted, staggered to the palings.

"Don't send for the police," he cried; "I ain't a-going to rob. For God's sake, Sir, tell me if the young lady is coming out! This to Mr. Power."

"What business is that of yours?" angrily replied that gentleman. "How dare you create a disturbance in a respectable neighborhood? I will have you imprisoned."

"Prison me if you will," cried the man earnestly, "but let me speak one word to the young lady, Sir, for the love of Heaven."

"The man is mad," muttered Mr Power to himself; "mad or drunk."

The old fellow caught the last words.

"No, I ain't drunk, yer honner," he cried; "I earns an honest livelihood, and that's more than every flunky can say;" and he glanced indignantly at the footmen, who still kept by his side. "I'm as my sober sense, and I know what I want. I want to see Miss Power."

"It is one of those beggarly paupers Constance is so fond of," thought Mr. Power. "This is the fruit of ladies going about visiting the sick—a precious piece of business, to be sure. "If you will promise to go away quietly, I will let you off," he commenced; but at that moment a hand was placed upon his arm, and a soft voice questioned:

"What is the matter, William?"

At the door stood Constance, in her snowy opera-cloak and golden hair, her sweet eyes [illegible] the [illegible] beside her.

"What is the matter, William?"

"Why, Miss, joy! the old man struggled so to see you."

"O mine! are you Miss Power? It's you I wants to see."

Mr. Power drew her sagrily back.

"Really, Constance," he said in a low tone, "you are forgetting yourself. To come out here before all these people—really—"

"O William," cried the girl, "don't be cross; but Barnes tells me the man said it was a matter of life and death. Do see him, dear, if only for a moment. It must be something very serious to bring him at this hour of the night."

Mr. Power, though hasty in his temper, was a just and reasonable man; he saw plainly now the man was not intoxicated, and though he was annoyed at being disturbed at this unseasonable hour he could not but acknowledge the fitness of his sister's argument, and that the man was at least entitled to a hearing.

"Well, Connie," he said, "let it be so. Go back into the library, and I will question him first myself."

He told the footman to call the man inside, and close the door. After a while, Mr. Power came back to his sister.

"I cannot make him out," he said, in answer to her anxious glance. "He tells a rambling story about some girl he has picked out of the water, and whom he says you know. You had better see him, Constance."

"O yes, yes! Ask him to come in at once."

He was an old gray-haired man, whose garments betokened extreme poverty, but whose face looked honest and sincere, despite the flush that excitement had given it.

"Are you Miss Power—Miss Constance Power?" he exclaimed hurriedly, without waiting for her to speak.

"Yes, I am Constance Power; what can I do for you?"

"O, then if you be, I was to give your [illegible] this bit of a letter," taking a dirty scrap of paper from his pocket; "and you'll have to make haste, please, if you want to see her alive."

Constance opened it in profound astonishment, which increased to a look of intense horror as she read the contents.

"I am dying, dying fast," it said, "but I cannot go till I have told you what is on my mind. Please don't refuse, but come as quickly as you can. The whole happiness of your future life depends on your seeing

"PAULINE BARRY."

"O my poor Pauline!" exclaimed Miss Power. "The girl that left me so suddenly four years ago. Where is she, my good man? I will go at once."

"Is she in my house, my lady, close by the water-side. She had been and drowned herself, and I picked her up, and he and my missis then minded her over since; they'd have taken her to prison if we'd peached on her, Miss, you know, and she's so quiet and good; and the doctor has been so very good to us, and given us a bit of money, and—"

"Yes, yes" interrupted the trembling girl; "you shall tell me all about it as we go."

"Nonsense, Constance!" exclaimed Mr. Power. "Who is this Pauline you are talking about?"

"Have you forgotten her, William?—the girl who was my companion when poor papa died. Ah, I forgot; she left us just as you returned from abroad; but you must have heard me speak of Pauline Barry. I loved her like a sister. She is ill—dying; I must go to her at once."

"You will do nothing of the sort," retorted her brother. "I shall not allow you to be so foolish."

"I will—I must!" she said; and the little white death were set determinately, and a strange light flashed into the violet eyes. "It will be too late in the morning."

"You will go, and in these trappings!" and he pointed contemptuously to the clouds of lace that floated round her fairy form, the pearls and opals gleaming on her fair white neck and arms, and in the tresses of her amber hair.

"I will cover them all over with my large waterproof cloak," she said entreatingly. "No one will recognize me, and Phillips can go with me."

"And I also, if you will be insane."

"No, no; you would only be in the way," she exclaimed, hurriedly. "Do be sensible, darling; I am not afraid with Phillips. Be quick, dear, and ring the bell; every moment may be too late."

"And it will, Miss," cried the man, respectfully, "if we doesn't look sharp. My missis said as how she couldn't last very long."

"You are decidedly out of your mind, Constance," said Mr. Power, when he saw she was determined; "going off at this time of night to listen to the rhapsodies of a dying woman."

"Which is the most mad," she retorted, flushing—"wasting God's holy time in frivolous amusements, or soothing the last hours of the souls for whom He died?"

Mr. Power shrugged his shoulders.

"As you please, my good lady; what I insist on your making some of the men with you as well. I will send away the carriage; you had better have a cab, it will attract less attention."

A short time afterward a cab drew up before a dingy-looking house in a narrow dirty street running parallel with the river, on the south side of the Thames. The cab had descending from the box a muffled and veiled and muffled figure to alight.

"Wait for me here," said Constance in a whisper to her maid; "there is no occasion for you to come inside."

"But master said, Miss—"

"I am your mistress," replied Constance haughtily; "do as you are told."

The girl shrank back, to tell the truth, she was quite as ready to stop as to go, for preferring a chat with the footman to witnessing the death struggles of the poor; she saw plenty of that when Miss Power dragged her into the loathsome alleys and wretched streets to be found even in Belgrave.

The old man—Parker, he said his name was—opened the door by means of a string pulled through a hole. No need of bolts and bars there, except to keep the thieves inside when they had once got in.

"Mind the step, my lady," he said. "It's not often the like of you come to such a place as this."

"I'm not afraid," said Constance, gently; yet as she spoke she trembled, and her heart sank at the impenetrable darkness before her.

The noise they made had evidently been heard, for a door opened, and a woman came cautiously down the passage, carrying a sweltering candle in a broken candlestick.

"Is that you, Jim?" she called, in a loud whisper.

"Ay, my gal; and I've brought the lady with me."

"That's right," cried the woman.

And Constance found herself face to face with a poorly-dressed but motherly-looking woman.

"How is she?" was her first question.

"Very badly, Miss; very badly. She's been and dropped into a doze; but they say she can't last till morn. She's been asking for you, Miss, all night long."

Up two flights of creaking, rickety stairs, and then they stopped at a door in the back of the house, which the woman opened, and, holding the light above her head, suffered Constance to pass through first. A dirty blanket thrown over an old clothes-horse served as a screen to prevent the drafts that whistled through the crannies of the door from reaching the bed, on which lay the pallid form of the dying woman, breathing heavily. The tears rolled down Constance's fair cheeks as she gazed on the altered features, the thin, wasted figure of one who, when last she beheld her, was radiant with youth and health. Large drops of perspiration stood on her forehead; her nose was drawn and pinched, her eyes sunken, her lips livid and swollen with fever, her hair lay in a dark tangled mass around her haggard face, over which was gradually creeping that mysterious ashen gray—the bridal-veil of death.

"She has suffered a deal, poor dear!" said the woman, in a low tone; "it is well he's blessing, when the Lord is pleased to take her. Will you sit down, Miss?"

She wiped a chair for her visitor, and then, leaving the candle on the table near, stole quietly out of the room.

Constance looked around, and shuddered. Bare boards, a broken table, two more broken chairs, some wooden boxes piled in a corner to form a cupboard, a rusty fender and a row of sauce-pans, jugs, and physic-bottles, were all the furniture of this miserable abode. Across the room, on a line composed of pieces of rope knotted together, hung some indescribable articles of human clothing (there is no fashion book for the poor) And in the midst of all this squalor and poverty three pots of white and purple hyacinths stood in the narrow window-sill, filling the air with their delicious fragrance.

As she looked she thought how from the simple hearts of those poor people rose up daily, like the incense of the flowers, the sweet perfume of a noble self-denying charity, the whiteness of truth and the purple of sacrifice, to the feet of the living God.

Suddenly the dying girl started convulsively, and opened her large dark eyes.

"What has brought me? The blackest-hearted villain that ever trod God's earth. Thank Heaven, you have come! O, how terrified I was they would not find you! I can die—I can die happy now."

Constance was terribly affected, her tears rolled over the thin wasted hand she held in hers, while she strove to comfort the unhappy woman.

"Hush! don't excite yourself," she cried; "you shall tell me all about it by-and-by. How often I have thought about you, dear Pauline, and wondered why you left us so mysteriously?"

"Yes, I will tell you all," replied Pauline, striving to raise herself in bed; "I must be quick. I know there's not much time." Then she snatched her hand from Miss Power's grasp. "Don't touch me," she cried; "I'm not fit to be touched by you. Miss Constance, you were always good—do you think God pardons such as I?"

"Of course He does," replied Constance, weeping. "There are none so vile that His mercy cannot reach if they only repent."

"I think I've repented," murmured the girl. "If I had been spared, I would have led a different life. They told you, didn't they, I tried to drown myself? It was an awful sin; but I was driven mad. Yes, I'm sorry now, Miss Constance. They have been so kind to me here—the poor old man and his wife. And they showed me how wicked and wrong I was for wishing to take my life, and I want to repent.—Hush! what is that?"

Constance listened, but heard nothing; she had been too engrossed with the poor sufferer to heed extraneous noises.

"It is nothing, dear."

"I thought I heard a step," muttered Pauline, speaking with difficulty. "O this pain—it is would but cease!"

She fell back exhausted; and Constance held a teacup, containing a little cordial, to her lips; it revived her, and she opened her eyes once more.

In her agitation and anxiety, the hood of Constance's cloak had fallen back, and the sweet, fair face, with its halo of golden hair, was revealed to Pauline's view.

"Take it all off," she said presently. "I want to see you as you are."

With a blush at the strange request, and yet not liking to refuse the dying woman, Miss Power undid the clasp and let the cloak fall to her feet.

Pauline gazed at her for a while in silence, excitement working in her features.

"You are very beautiful," she said at last; "more beautiful than ever. Miss Power, I have ruined all your life. Can you forgive me?"

Constance thought she was wandering in her head, and laid her hand soothingly upon her.

"My poor Pauline," she cried, "what have I to forgive? If you could not be moved here, perhaps you might get better, and then—"

But the girl laughed a wild, hoarse laugh. "I am dying," she cried, "dying fast; I only hope I shall live long enough to tell you all. Take away your hand, it burns me; I cannot bear—"

And again she fell exhausted on the pillow. Presently she spoke again, and the words she uttered caused Miss Power to start and turn pale while the blood rushed to her face.

"You had a lover once—Captain Stapleton?"

"Ah, yes, you knew—but what of him? He never loved me, Pauline," and the sweet face was bowed in her jewelled fingers.

"He did, Constance Power; he loved you dearly; he wrote letter after letter, and—I destroyed them."

With a wild cry of anguish, Constance started to her feet.

"O Pauline!" she exclaimed, "how could you be so cruel?"

"Because he tempted me—he, Sir Richard Ashford, the man I loved, who swore he would make me his wife—fool that I was to believe him!—tempted me with false oaths and deceitful promises to destroy Captain Stapleton's letters. He told me that he hated him, that he wanted to ruin him with you, and I lent myself to the scheme."

"O you sinful, wicked woman!" moaned the wretched Constance; "you know not what you have done."

"Yes, I do," replied Pauline; "but I did not care. I would have broken all the hearts in England if it were in my power, and he had bid me do it. I would have killed my own sister for him!" she hissed. "But I was justly served. He loves you, Constance Power. And would marry you if he could. Shall I tell you what he did to me? He kicked me out into the street, and I sank lower and lower down, till I came to this."

Her voice faded away again; but Constance was not heeding her—her hands clasped, her beautiful face convulsed with agony, she was striving to realize all her own terrible sorrow.

"O Victor!" she murmured, "O my dear lost love! And I sent you away, sent you to India to die!"

"Forgive, forgive!" moaned the dying woman.

"I cannot forgive you. You have ruined my life. God may forgive you, but I cannot."

They were bitter words; but they were wrung from a young heart's terrible agony.

Pauline lay motionless; she had fainted. Constance thought she was dying, and flung herself by the side of the bed.

"O Pauline, Pauline!" she cried, "I did not know what I was saying. It was very hard, it was very cruel; but I forgive—yes, I forgive."

She rubbed her hands, those hands which had so ruthlessly destroyed her happiness, she wiped the death-sweat off the pallid brow, sobbing as if her very heart would break.

At last Pauline spoke again. "Say it again," she murmured; "I want to hear you say it again."

"Can I be obstinate when my Lord forgives?" replied Constance. "O Pauline! it is His pardon you must seek, not mine."

A faint smile stole over the dying woman's face. "Home—I am going home," she muttered; "there is rest for the weary, peace for evermore!"

Again a long and painful silence. Her breath grew shorter every moment, Constance knelt down beside the bed to pray.

"Captain Victor," murmured Pauline—"he has come back. I saw him—that—that evening at the club."

Constance clasped her hand. "What was that you said?" she cried wildly. "He has come back?"

"Yes; it is true, quite true."

"Too late, too late!" wailed the girl, burying her face in her hands. "He believed me false; he will never—"

With a violent effort Pauline raised herself on the pillow. "I did what I could," she said, faintly. "I wrote to him, too—I told him all—I could not die unless—for—forgiven."

"And he is here!" exclaimed a manly voice, as the tall form of a stranger emerged from behind the screen, and clasped the trembling Constance in his arms.

"O Constance, my darling! How could I ever have doubted your truth and love? Urged by this poor woman's letter, I reached here some few minutes ago, and hearing you speaking, could not resist the temptation of listening to what you said. I see my blindness and folly now. Can you forget it?"

She lay in his arms. The sudden joy had taken away all power of speech; her soft hair swept his face, the hair that he covered with passionate kisses.

"Victor! Victor!" she murmured at last, her eyes meeting his in their pure, trusting love.

"Never to part again, darling!" he said. "The long, sad years for ever gone; only peace and joy for evermore!"

The gray morning light stole in at the narrow casement window, causing the candle to grow pale and dim, and bringing out in strange relief the actors in this little drama. It fell upon the white and purple flowers—on the miserable truckle-bed—on the girl who stood there in her shimmering silken robes—the man for whom a new existence had begun in a dingy, wretched garret beside the slimy Thames.

So absorbed were they in each other, that they forgot the woman to whom they owed their glad present and their bitter past, the woman from whom earth, with all its misery and all its sin, was slipping fast with every ebb of the tide. And when they turned and looked, she was lying calm and still, with a smile on her lips they had never worn in life, and a light and peace on the poor pale face that could never be taken away.

A CHINAMAN'S BOOK DEBTS.—A Chinese, named Ah Sam, who kept the Lord Nelson Restaurant, in Victoria, Vancouver Island, became bankrupt, and was ordered to file a schedule of his assets. Not knowing the the names of his customers, he had entered short descriptions of them in his ledger, and when he entered court he had nothing more than the following to show. It was given me by his solicitor as a legal curiosity: A butcher owes $18; captain of a schooner $50; cook [illegible] man $2; red shirt man $2; [illegible] man $20; fancy [illegible] man $20; [illegible] tall man, gray [illegible] man $5; whiskers man $16 [illegible] man $49; barkeeper $5; workman $5; whiskers man's friend $6 50; double blanket man $6 50; little short man $10; fat man $9 25; old man $8; red whiskers $7 50; steamboat man $18; Indian Ya $4 [illegible]; Dick make coal shoveller $38; Yea Yap earrings $35; flower pantaloon man $16; shoemaker gone to California $15 50; a [illegible] $20; [illegible] man $16; get tight (drunk) man $7. The last entry the commissioner decided was of much too general a character to allow of the slightest hope of finding the debtor upon anyone in particular.—*Dickens's "All the Year Round."*

THE VOICE OF GRIEF.

O rugged, toilsome path of thorns and briers,
Of weary, bleeding feet—
Peopled with shadows of unrequited desires,
And pleasures incomplete!
Land of unchanging sorrow on the dead,
And bitterness of life,
Where noble lives by cruel hands are bled,
To win the field of strife;
Where pain is eternal, like the Alpine snows,
Crowned above man and kings,
Broods dark as night, and from her bosom throws
Her arrows and her stings!
Shall the vexed breath of Summer sweep the earth,
And make it smile with flowers,
Yet leave to man the pestilential dearth,
Of ever-withering powers?
Behold how Sorrow, wandering through the world,
Weeps palatinate tears of blood,
And chiefly upon the grave is hurled,
Crying aloud for good!
The voice of grief pierces the silent Land,
Whose victory is over—
Is there no haven past Time's dangerous strand,
No joy beyond the tide?

—*Belgravia for April.*

TIGERS AND WILD BOARS.—On a part of the Neilgherry Hills which I was particularly fond of hunting there lived, in 1865, a very large and mighty boar. This grand old beast was so cunning that though my camp was pitched in the middle of his favorite haunts, and though my old hunting companion, Captain BURNS, and I constantly met him, we never managed to get a shot. Pigs being very scarce in this part of the hills we were always anxious to outwit the old gentleman, and for this purpose we used frequently to take up separate posts in the evenings commanding a large range of his domains, hoping to see him as he issued forth from his strongholds upon his nocturnal ramble. One evening after sitting watching without success for some time I got up, leaving myself sufficient light to look about me as I strolled home to the camp. Seeing Captain BURNS coming home also I made quietly down to meet him, at the foot of a large wood, through which I knew he would pass. Presently he appeared in great excitement, telling me he had just met the old boar face to face on the little forest path, but that he had wheeled and bolted too quickly for him to get a shot. He had just whispered this to me when with tremendous grunts out by our very side, across the mountain stream which ran along the edge of the wood, bolted the boar, and dashed off across a little green bay toward another wing of the wood. Instinctively I raised my old Purdey rifle and was in the act of pressing the trigger, when there was a sound like distant thunder, a great yellow streak, and in an instant the mountains round were echoing and reechoing the grim roars and shrieks of a tiger and the boar, as they writhed and twisted round, over and under each other in the most deadly combat. For a moment, and for a moment only, the boar seemed to hold his own, but the fearful strength and activity of his foe was far more than a match for his desperate courage. In much less time than it takes to write this the poor old fellow was over on his back, the tiger curled over him, burying her fearful fangs in his swarthy throat. All this as I have said, took place in a moment, and until now I had been in vain trying to get a shot; so mixed up together were the struggling mass. I had hitherto been able to distinguish the flaps from the boar. This was my time, and as quickly as possible considering the intense excitement of the moment, I fired both barrels at the tiger. For a second or two she took no notice of me, but continued mauling and worrying at the unfortunate boar's throat, he squealing all the time exactly like a tame pig under the butcher's hand. A weakness I never knew, a wild boar guilty of before or since. Presently the wounds began to tell, and dropping the boar suddenly she stank back to the wood. Just as she got to the stream, for the first time she spied us. It was one of the most unpleasant moments I ever remember, both barrels empty, the tiger wounded, and baffled tiger within twelve yards standing staring at us in savage astonishment. BURNS's single barrel was our only hope. We stood quite still, and most truly thankful we were to see her turn, cross the stream, and bound into the wood, BURNS sending his bullet after her to quicken her pace, a proceeding which we have often doubted the wisdom of since. When looking round for the dead boar, as we thought, what was our amazement, not a sign of him was to be seen. He had managed to get off to die. I fear, a lingering death, for we never saw him again. The next morning as soon as it was light we were off to look for the slain. We found blood at once; following this for 1 or 2 miles we came to a large wild rocks, and there we lost it. We never found her, but four cubs that I saw feeding on a dead buffalo some days afterward most probably belonged to her. Had I not interfered I have no doubt in a few minutes she would have killed the boar, and as he was really an unusually large and powerful beast, and she anything but what I would call a large tiger, it shows what perfect masters the large carnivorous beasts are of the work they are designed to perform in nature when they are in earnest. I am afraid I have already trespassed too much on your space, or I should like to have made a few remarks confirmatory of the observations in your article upon the beauty and perfection of even the oldest carnivora. They may lose the richness of condition which they possessed in their prime, but as far as my experience has gone, they remain, though slightly attenuated, healthy and happy, as a general rule, to the end of their days. —*Sir Victor Brooke, in Land and Water.*

A FRENCH DANCE IN A LOG CABIN.—SOUTHWICK was the best dancer there; that is, he covered the most ground. His performance was the theme of universal remark. His style was superb. There was a certain abandon in it which few Americans could rival. I know of but one word which can at all describe SOUTHWICK when dancing; it is—omnipresent. This epithet is moderately accurate.

The room was some thirty-five feet long, but he was often at both ends of it at the same time. If to rivet the attention of the audience is success, my friend certainly achieved it. There was but one thought on the part of the whole company whenever SOUTHWICK danced; it was to get out of the way. Greater unanimity in this respect was never seen. Never, before that evening, did I desire that a room might have more than four corners, but I more than once devoutly wished that that room had had sixteen. Sixteen would not have been one too many with my friend on the floor. I called Uncle PALMER's attention to the terrible lack of corners in his house. At the time I made the suggestion, the old gentleman was trying to force himself in between the door-post and the sheathing. He appeared to appreciate it. After a few preliminary flourishes, EVERETT shouted the word "Go!" and SOUTHWICK struck out. I saw him coming, and dodged; I escaped. The next time he swung round, I was prepared for him. There were several wooden pins driven into the logs near the ceiling, such as our forefathers were wont to season their beef-hams on. Spying one of these just over my head, as I stood flattened against the wall, I vaulted from the floor and clutched it. The scene from this point of view was very picturesque. The fellows had observed my movement, and followed my example; it affected them like an inspiration. In an instant the whole company were suspended from pins around the room. A sense of the ludicrous overcame my terror, and I began to laugh. That laugh grew on me. I found myself unable to stop laughing. My eyes began to moisten and run over. Now, a man cannot laugh in that fashion, and hang on to a pin at the same time. I have tried it, and know. First one finger began to ache, then another loosened and gave way a little; the muscles of my hand would not obey my will to contract. I found it impossible to retighten my grip; I knew it would probably be fatal to drop. I endeavored to stop laughing. Now, it is a well-known fact, that when one tries to stop laughing he can't. If you ever doubted this, reader, never doubt it again. If any man strove to stop, I did. My efforts was vain. I fairly shook myself off the pin, and dropped. That sobered me. The instant I struck the floor all laughter departed. I saw SOUTHWICK coming. I seized hold of the window-sill, the wood of which was cedar; I sunk my nails deep into it to hold. The next time he swung round the circle I was saved by a miracle, that is, in a way I cannot account for. I was just gathering myself for a plunge at the door, when the music ceased and my friend sat down. We all cheered him immensely. I cheered louder than all the rest. I never had greater cause to cheer. Everybody complimented him. One exclaimed, "What a fine action!" another, "How liberal in style!" I said, "Astonishing!" We all saw that it had made a great impression on the grudge. They said that "they had no idea folks danced so down in the settlements." "It isn't anything to what I could do if the room was only larger, is it?" said he, appealing to me. "No; this room is terribly cramped," I responded, thinking of my narrow escape, and fearful that he might repeat the performance; "no educated dancer can do himself justice in it; I would not try again if I were in your place."—*Adventures in the Wilderness. (Fields, Osgood & Co.)*

WHIPPING M. PS.—The principal task of the Parliamentary whip is to keep the forces of his party well together, and to keep them in good fighting array. There is always a large number of members who require much persuasion to induce them to come to the front. Some have to little interest as to which side wins, that they won't attend any but the most important divisions. Others may be out of town, and will not put themselves to the trouble of coming up merely for the purpose of recording their votes and going home again. Others plead illness of a serious nature, which will prevent them attending; all the reasons advanced in Scripture against attending the feast are employed; and with these the ingenious whip has to deal to the best of his ability. If the occasion be one of little political significance, he will perhaps accept the reasons and say nothing, but should a change of Ministry hang on the issue of a debate, all his ingenuity is exerted to bring his men to their post. First of all, he tries the ordinary persuasion of intimating by circular that on a certain evening business of the utmost importance to the party is to be transacted, and beseeching them to be in their place. Those who do not heed to this appeal are plied with arguments of a stronger character. Perhaps the influence of some great man in the neighborhood is brought to bear, by way of persuasion; perhaps hints are thrown out of a coming redistribution of official emoluments; perhaps some patronage is bestowed just at the proper moment; perhaps an invitation to dine with the Prime Minister is conveyed; or some other lever made use of which is powerful for conviction. In the case of the sick, some discrimination requires to be employed. Should the illness prove to be very serious, there is of course an end to the matter; but if it be one wherein no danger will be run by removal, all the temptations of comforts during the journey to London, in the shape of exclusive first-class railway carriages and luxurious mattresses, are held out as baits; and the invalids appear in due course at the division, with their arms slung, leaning upon crutches, or enjoying the pleasant roominess of bath-chairs. The last memorable instance of a great "whip" was made by Mr. BRAND, the Liberal teller, on the occasion of the fall of the Russell-Gladstone Cabinet, upon the defeat of their Reform bill in 1866. That occasion was signalized by the presence of men who had not been seen in the House for years. Old men who had long since passed the Psalmist's limit, the sick and afflicted, *Slittasti* valetudinaria, the lame, the paralyzed, had been brought together to meet the momentousness of the crisis. Some had been summoned from beyond the Alps; others had been wooed from the prostration of their couches; many had been stopped in mid-career of their travels; one had been taken from the delights of his marriage trip, and several from the bedsides of relatives and friends in extremity. The entire list of members on both sides the House was swept, and the telegraph employed in all directions to summon them; that with the exception of a few, who were absolutely unable to be present, the whole of the members were whipped up for the division.—*Chambers' Journal.*

EARLY VELOCIPEDES IN FRANCE.—About two and twenty years later, in 1830, a public functionary, M. DRESZE, brought out a new velocipede in which the power was communicated through the axle of the two wheels, and not, as in the first case, by striking the feet against the ground. This was certainly an improvement on the velocipede of the Luxembourg Gardens, but, like its predecessor, it was not destined to a long life. M. DRESZE was an officer in the Post Office, and, in seeking for an extensive practical application of his cherished velocipede, he very naturally proposed to mount the rural letter-carriers on them, a proceeding which he hoped would be productive of good to the nation, to himself and to the happy postmen. The Summer, a very dry one, passed away pleasantly and without a hitch; the carriers were charmed with their steeds, the simple country folk were enchanted with the regularity with which their letters reached them, and M. DRESZE himself might be seen morning after morning in blissing contentment in the Hotel des Postes, rubbing his hands over the good reports of his machines and the picture of general contentment spread out before him. But, alas! the unfortunate velocipedes, which had conquered the prejudice of the country, and, soothed by one rebellious riders into complacency, were destined to engage in a struggle with Dame Nature herself, and to be beaten in the contest. The winter which succeeded the charming summer was, as frequently happens, a severe one. Snow fell in quantities and froze on the ground. The velocipedes turned out as usual, but, with a prudence characteristic of intelligent beings, refused to progress. It is true their wheels rotated rapidly on the slippery surface, but not a yard would they move on. Their unfortunate masters, by this time accustomed to the luxury of riding, were compelled to

the hero. In his next venture, with only five small vessels and 164 men, DRAKE stream navigated the world, and returned home after an eventful voyage of two years and nearly ten months, having taken a place ship and plundered half the seaport towns of Chili and Peru. From that time forth DRAKE was a thorn in the side of Spain. Half patriot, half buccaneer, he ravaged the coast of Spain, destroyed four castles and one hundred vessels, and, in fact, "singed the King of Spain's beard" all over. He invaded Portugal; he discovered the secret of the Spanish trade with India; he helped to shatter the Armada. Spanish Admirals died of broken hearts at the success of DRAKE. Then came the miserable expedition to the West Indies, when the leaders quarreled and everything went wrong. RALEIGH'S failed to cross the Isthmus of Darien and burn Panama; HAWKINS died of vexation; fever broke out at Nombre de Dios, and DRAKE at last died, partly of disease and partly of a broken heart. The sailors lowered him to his grave in the sea off Porto Bello:

The waves became his winding sheet, the waters were his tomb,
But for his fame, the ocean sea was not sufficient room.

—*Dickens' All the Year Round.*

THE FUTURE.

A figure wanders through my dreams
And wears a veil upon its face,
Still bending to my breast it seems,
Yet ever turns from my embrace
And sometimes passing from my sight,
It lifts the veil as it departs,
And eyes flash out with such a light
As never dawned on waking hearts.

There is no need of sound or speech
Or toiling through the troubled years,
The rapture of that smile can teach
More than a century of tears.
And this I know—if it could move
Out of my dreams into my days,
One service of unbroken love
Would fill and crown my life with praise,

Love with no doubts and no demands,
But generous as a southern June,—
Vast brotherhood of hearts and hands,
Choir of a world in perfect tune—
No shallow sunset-films to gild,
Far summits which we dare not climb,
But ceaseless charms of hope fulfilled,
Making a miracle of time.

How sure, how calm, the picture seems!
How near it comes, behold, possessed
It is not only in my dreams
I feel that touch upon my breast.
It thrills me through barren day,
It holds me in the heart of strife,
No phantom-grasp that melts away,
It seems—it is—the touch of Life!

We look into the heart of flowers
And wonder whence their bloom can rise;
The secret hope of human hours
Is hidden deeper from our eyes.
In helpless tracts of wind and rain
The work goes on without a sound;
And while you weep your weak "In vain,"
The flower is growing underground.

We know the lesson; but a cry
Bitter and vast, is in our ears;
One life of fruitless misery
Shakes all our wisdom into tears.
Thronged by the clamorous griefs that say,
"Behold what *is*, forget what seems,"
I can but answer, "Welladay;
There *is* that figure in my dreams."

—*Miss Menella Bute Smedley.*

HEALTHFULNESS OF CAMP LIFE.—I am often asked if ladies would not "catch cold" in the woods, and if the physical exertion which one must put forth is not such as to forbid that any but robust people should undertake the trip. To this I reply that I believe it to be a physical impossibility for one, however fragile or delicate, to "catch cold" in this wilderness. Remember that we are here in a mountainous region, where dampness and miasma, such as prevail in lower sections, are entirely unknown. Consider, too, how genial and equable is the climate in the Summer months, and how pure and rarefied the atmosphere. Remember, also, that you breathe an odorous with the smell of pine and cedar and balsam, and absolutely free from the least taint of impurity; and when you take all this into account, you will see how very dissimilar are the conditions and surroundings of life in the woods to life in the city or village. Acquainted as I am with many ladies, some of them accustomed to every luxury, and of delicate health, who have "camped out" in this wilderness, I have yet to meet with a single one who ever "caught cold," or experienced any other inconvenience to the bodily health in the woods.

As to the "physical exertion," there is no such exertion known here. It is the laziest of all imaginable places, if you indulge in indolence. Tramping is unknown in this region. Wherever you wish to go your guide paddles you. Your hunting, fishing, sight-seeing, are all done from the boat. Going in or coming out you cross the necessary carries, which, for the most part, are short and good walking, and you can take your own time for it. In this I refer, of course, to the most frequented parts of the wilderness, and not to the portions seldom visited and more difficult of access. There are sections which I have visited by dragging my cedar shell behind me up narrow creeks and through tamarack swamps, middle-deep in mud and water; but no guide would think of taking a party, unless urged by the party itself, into any such region; and, ordinarily speaking, there is no need of exertion which a child of five summers could not safely put forth, from one end to the other of a trip.—*Adventures in the Wilderness* (*Fields, Osgood & Co.*)

MARRIED WOMAN'S LOVE.—The province in which the genius of Mrs. BARRETT BROWNING attained superlative and unique perfection is that of the delineation of love in the married woman. "The love of wedded souls," this, next to God's love, is for her the central heart of life, the solar fount of all those loves which are the light of the world, "loves filial, loves fraternal, neighbor-loves and civic." In "Lady Geraldine's Courtship" it is the passion of lovers she depicts; but with instinctive truth to the woman's ideal, she puts the narrative of the courtship into the mouth of the lover, not of Lady Geraldine. A man, she felt, must be the describer of courtship, for man's part is to struggle for the prize and win it. But in the "Sonnets of the Age" and the "Rhyme of the Duchess May," works in which the utmost force of her genius is displayed, the heroism, the self-sacrifice, the passionate, death-scorning devotion of wifely love afford the theme. In the one the love of the wife bears her to the battle-field to share the peril of the husband and to guard his life. The luxurious delicacy and daintiness—the refined yet cruel selfishness—of man's conception of what woman's love should be then reveals to her that, by the mere grandeur and intrepidity of her love, she has forfeited the supreme regard of her husband. Life has now become intolerable for her, and she dies; but her love for *him* never wavers, and her last words are in his praise. The Duchess May is one of the finest female characters in the whole range of literary art. All the strength and all the tenderness, all the womanly pride and the still more womanly humility, all the capricious fascination and wild, splendid, witching ways which breathe enchantment round the female form, are hers. She announces with princely disdain that she will not marry the man she does not love; with calm and dauntless decision she places her hand at the altar in the hand of the man she does love; and once his, she can smile out into the night of calamity, still and fearless as a star. In the hour of extreme need she will die with her husband; such is her right, and she asserts it; dying with him, she dies victorious and contented. I believe that Mrs. BROWNING was capable of that death and of that devotion. With a thrill of sympathy she threw the crimson of a smile upon the lip of that wife as she sank to death in her husband's arms. Woman's love can make the chariot of death a car of triumph and convert the flames of the funeral pyre into clasping roses. In the person of the Duchess May, standing to us for Mrs. BROWNING, we witness what love can be in a woman of genius.—*London Society.*

WATERING-PLACE SNOBS.—No one respects well-bred ladies of rank more than ourselves. When dignity is meekly and justly worn, we admire the forbearance and self-control of the wearers, and we regard them as not uncommendable rulers of mankind; but whose gorge would not rise at these respectable people of Herringtown-by-the-Sea, crowding round a quiet invalid lady and her children, gaping at her two gigantic and intensely sedate footmen, jostling her dowdy German governess, staring, pointing, whispering and giggling? It is loathsome, it is vulgar, it is uncourteous, it is snobbish. There is no loyalty in it, for not one of the genteel mob would lay down a chignon or a whisker to serve the ex-Duchess of Pinchegripzen. It is merely a new form of the love of money; for power is only money grown rank, and these idiots run about after a duchess because she typifies wealth, success and social importance. She might be a Fop-

pa, instead of a good, sensible mamma; she might be hideous as Sycorax, instead of being fair and comely as she is—the fools would still run, gape, shove, scramble and stare, and sneer, the great lady's life is laden to her.—*Dickens' All the Year Round.*

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

Celebration of Anniversaries—Importance of the Caucasus—University of St. Petersburg—The Survivors of Sebastopol—Anniversary of St. Cyril—American Topics.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ST. PETERSBURG, Wednesday, March 3, 1869.

The last week was remarkable for the number of anniversaries celebrated, not only in St. Petersburg, but in different parts of the Empire. First in order came the Caucasus Supper. Once a year the officers who took part in the conquest of the Caucasus meet, in order to spend the evening in company and say together. These annual reunions are of a most pleasant character. Old comrades meet and talk over the past, so full of romantic incidents and heroic exploits. With each succeeding anniversary the public becomes more and more conscious of the immense importance of the Caucasus, and consequently increases its respect for the man who have given Russia the most valuable territorial acquisition made on this side of the Atlantic for the last two centuries. In saying this I do not forget even India, with its 200,000,000 of inhabitants and great revenue, nor the fact that up to the present time the Caucasus is a source of expense instead of income to Russia.

In considering the importance of these two great conquests of the Russian and British Empires, their geographical position and political future must be taken into consideration. India, by its geographical position, commands no other country, but is, on the contrary, itself threatened—hence the English dread of the Russians in Central Asia. By its remoteness and isolation India can never become an organic part of the British Empire. Englishmen do not become acclimated in India, nor can they Anglicize the Hindoos. The consequence is, that Englishmen have an idea, more or less defined, that some day or another England must part with India as with her other foreign possessions. Even the most sanguine must look upon the English Government in India as an experiment, which is increasing in difficulty every year.

With the Caucasus the case is entirely different. First of all, the people of the trans-Caucasus—the Georgians, converted to Christianity in the fifth century—belong to the same religion as the Russians. By their union with Russia they were saved from Turkish and Persian slavery and from the incursions of the robber tribes of the mountains. So much for the moral relations between the new Province and the remainder of the Empire. Now let us take a glance at the geographical position. It needs but to examine the map to see at once the immense value of this country between the Black Sea and the Caspian, and extending south to Mount Ararat. In a strategical point of view, the Caucasus is the flank position which covers all Asia north of the Himalaya Mountains. The possession of the Caucasus makes Russia the great Power not only of Europe, but of the Eastern Hemisphere, both from its position and from the fact that it is becoming completely assimilated to the rest of the Empire.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. PETERSBURG.

On the 20th of February was celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the University of St. Petersburg. At this solemnity were present graduates of the University to the number of 1,008, the Metropolitans of Moscow and Kieff, members of the Synod and Council of the Empire, deputations from the nobility, the Provincial Assembly, the City Government and from different institutions of learning and scientific Societies, and a large number of invited guests.

When the preliminaries of the celebration were over, the Rector of the University arose and addressed the audience. After recounting the services which the Universities of Russia had rendered the nation in educating its most able servants in all departments of activity, and referring to the sympathy which the country has for its institutions of learning, he addressed a few words to the Alumni of the University of St. Petersburg who had assembled from all parts of Russia to do honor to their *Alma Mater*. In conclusion, he turned to the actual students, all of whom were present, and said: "We have great hopes in you, young men, who are preparing, as we are convinced, to become worthy citizens. We trust that you will leave the University with trained minds, with unchecked loyalty to the interests of our common country and respect for her laws. If many among you have to struggle against poverty and privation at this early period of your career, I beg you to remember the old Russian proverb that 'only the patient soldier arrives at command.'"

Upon the conclusion of these eloquent and touching words to the students, Count TOLSTOY, the Minister of Public Instruction, came forward and read a rescript from the Emperor, in which His Majesty, after expressing his satisfaction at the good results attained by the University, stated that, in token of sympathy for its labors, he had resolved to found 100 scholarships of 200 rubles each, ($28 10,) and at present to give 20,000 rubles, to be divided among its indigent students.

The announcement of the Emperor's munificent gift was received, as may well be imagined, with a tempest of applause. The students in a body sang the national hymn of "God Save the Czar." This was repeated several times at the unanimous request of all present. Next in order came the reception of the different deputations, from the nobility of the Government, from the City Council with the Mayor at its head. Then in turn came deputations from the Provincial Assembly, the Philanthropic Society, the Academy of Sciences from six universities, twenty-five institutions of learning and eighteen learned societies.

After the reception of the deputations, a number of honorary members of the University were elected, among the number General IGNATIEFF, Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, and Mr. RHANGABE, of Athens. The degree of LL.D. was then conferred upon a number of Russian and foreign *savants*, and the prizes distributed to students of distinguished scholarship. Among the latter was Mr. MARCOS, an Arab, who, in a short speech, thanked the Faculty of the University, and as an Oriental, expressed the sympathy of the populations of Asia toward Russia on account of her exertions in the path of progress and civilization in the East.

The ceremonies were closed by singing the national hymn, at the conclusion of which the different deputations and other guests were invited to a dinner, at which 900 persons were seated.

After dinner a subscription was made up for the benefit of the students. Among the sums given was 11,500 rubles from the Philanthropic Society, and a scholarship founded by Mr. NAUSHKIN. Including the Emperor's gift, the whole amount received on this day by the University was about 250,000 rubles.

SURVIVORS OF SEBASTOPOL.

The survivors of the siege of Sebastopol meet once a year, as well as the officers of the Caucasus. On the 20th, they celebrated their anniversary by a dinner. At this meeting the first toast was proposed by the President, General TOTTLEBEN, to the health and long life of the Emperor. This toast was received, as it always is in Russia, with tumultuous cheers. After the next toast, to the Heir Apparent and the Imperial family, the Grand Duke NICHOLAS, Brother of the Emperor, proposed the health of the heroic defenders of Sebastopol. The concluding toast, which was drank in reverential silence, was proposed by the President to the memory of the officers and soldiers who had fallen in the Crimea. After dinner a lively conversation was kept up. Old battles were fought over again, the same voices were heard that had commanded on the Malakoff, or urged the charge in the awful struggle of Inkermann. During the evening 30 was received of Sevastopol Museum, in which should be preserved objects relating to that memorable siege. For this purpose General TOTTLEBEN made a present of his house in Sebastopol, which he occupied as headquarters during the Crimean campaign. Thus ended the last meeting of the survivors of Russia against Western Europe, fighting in a cause which, to say the least, is not that of civilization.

ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CYRIL.

The last festival which I shall have to describe in this letter was celebrated on the 24th of February, with all the pomp and solemnity with which such an event could be surrounded. I refer to the thousandth anniversary of St. Cyril, the Apostle of the Slavonic nations and inventor of the Slavonic alphabet. CYRIL, with his brother METHODIUS, were native of Salonica, and converted to Christianity, first the Bulgarians, and later, the Moravians and other Slavonians north of the Danube, extending their labors to Bohemia and a part of Poland. Following the usage of the Eastern Churches, they translated first the New Testament, and later the entire Bible and the Church ritual into the popular language. Thus the Slavonians, from the moment that Christianity appeared among them, were possessed of a complete translation of the Holy Scriptures in the language of the people. This forms an exception in European history, for at that early day the Slavonians were the only people of Western or Northern Europe who had the Bible in their mother-tongue. The Slavonic Bible has had an immense influence upon Eastern Europe, and especially upon Russia. It gave a definite form and a dignity to the language at the time when a strong State sprung into existence under the leadership of the descendants of RURIK, (RURIK was the first Prince of Novgorod. His successor, OLEG, settled in Kieff, the capital of Russia, till the Tartar invasion,) and the language of the people became at once the language of the Church, of diplomacy, of the monastic chronicles and whatever literary productions there might be in the country. At a later period it was one of the principal bonds of union among the different principalities that now constitute European Russia, and united them in a common effort to throw off the Tartar yoke; and, last of all, it preserved Russia from subjection to the overpowering political influence of Western Europe, until such time as she should have unity and power enough to treat with the world on terms of equality, and enter into the system of European civilization without becoming a satellite in European politics. It is no wonder, then, that the memory of the man who gave an alphabet and a Bible to the nation, should be held in reverence by every Russian. At 10:30 A. M. the great Cathedral of St. Isaac's was crowded, and many were unable to obtain admission. At divine service were present three Metropolitans, all the members of the Synod and a large number of the most distinguished society of St. Petersburg. The most striking features of the impressive service was the vocal music, for which the Russian churches are so justly celebrated, and the solemn prayer of the Metropolitans at the conclusion of the service.

The anniversary of St. Cyril was celebrated in different parts of Russia, and among the Slavonic populations in Austria and Turkey. It is a remarkable fact that one of the strongest ties between different members of the great Slavonic race is a common religion, with its earliest translation of the Bible, and that only those peoples who have preserved this Bible have succeeded in escaping either entire or partial absorption by other nationalities.

AMERICAN TOPICS.

The course of American politics is followed with much interest by the Russian Press. The news of General GRANT's election was received with great satisfaction. In an article of to-day one of the St. Petersburg papers says that he will free the Presidential Chair from undue party influence. In general, it is considered that the man who reestablished the authority of the Government over every inch of American territory, is the fittest person to preside over the task of restoring civil order to those parts of the country which have so long been disturbed by ambitious and turbulent seekers of power.

The action of Americans toward the Greeks and other Christians of the East meets with unqualified praise among all classes of society, and is contrasted with the selfish and egotistical conduct of Western Europeans, who, to further their own plans, have become the body-guards of the Turk. The descendants of the Crusaders are the props and pillars of tottering Islam! What would RICHARD of the Lion Heart and St. Louis think if they could rise from the tomb!

The Moscow *Gazette*, in a recent article, makes the following remarks: "The names of the Americans, Messrs. SCHINKER and FIELLEY, Dr. HOWS and Mr. BIRG, will live in the memory of the Christian populations of the East." The editor then proceeds to take a detailed account of the services of these gentlemen, as well as other Americans, who by their personal labors in the East have done much to forward the great cause of Christian liberty, by the establishment of schools in the Orient, by taking active part in assisting those oppressed Christian populations, and finally by disseminating information in the United States on the condition of those countries. The article closes with the following words: "This is what America does for the Christians of the East. What has Europe to show?

Since my last the Government has decided to build a telegraph to Tashkent in Central Asia, and has given permission to survey the route for a railroad from Rostoff, on the Don, to Vladikavkaz, on the Caucasus. The accomplishment of both plans is to be desired. G.

ITALY.

Changes in the Civil Administration—The Royal Birthday—Diplomatic Gossip—Art News—American Art.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FLORENCE, Tuesday, March 16, 1869.

The prospect seems to be good that the project for making changes in the present system of civil administration, will be turned into law by Parliament in the course of the present session, in spite of the obstacles which at every step it encounters. The debate which has already continued long, is adjourned for an interval, and will not be resumed until after the short Easter vacation. There are more than sixty Prefectures in the Kingdom of Italy, and of course as many centres of local administration. Each Prefect is a sort of petty Viceroy appointed by the Minister of the Interior, with the approbation of the King. Besides these there are subdivisions into Communes, more than 6,000 of which are under the direction of Syndics, or Mayors, who govern with the municipal system. The object of the projected reform, as has been before stated, is to take the first step toward decentralizing the Government, and realizing, so far as is practicable, the advantages of the federal system, to which some of the best Italian patriots have all along aspired. An amendment to the pending bill, introduced by Deputy FERUZZI, which will more effectually secure the end aimed at, has a fair prospect of being adopted. A section of the bill, already voted upon, takes away the privilege, up to this time enjoyed by certain journals, of giving publicity, for a compensation, of legal acts. But instead of giving such advertisements to newspapers of largest circulation already existing—for the public the most just and convenient mode—each Prefect is to print from time to time a bulletin of his own, distributed, like other journals, only to subscribers.

THE ROYAL BIRTHDAY.

By a coincidence which may at least be called universal, the King of Italy and his eldest son were born on the same day of the month, the 14th of March, and day before yesterday we were reminded of it by a moderate amount of powder-burning, flag-flying, and feasting in the evening at the house of the chief Minister. More than half a hundred places at table were reserved for the agents of foreign Governments resident here, and it became, as usual, the duty of ours, as the senior member of the Diplomatic Corps, to rise and give the toast to the King. General MENABREA responded by proposing the health of the chiefs of all friendly and allied States. In many parts of the Kingdom the birthday of the Sovereign was made the occasion of loyal demonstrations, and whatever could be, was done, to promote good feeling. It cannot be said that VICTOR EMMANUEL's popularity is increasing, but we hear less of "saving the dynasty;" and most people are settled down in the opinion that this King must take his place in the vista of the future among the rulers of Italy, for better or worse, as the representative of the House of Savoy, and make the best of it.

DIPLOMATIC GOSSIP.

The Prince-heir and his wife are expected back from Naples to be present at the Royal ball, the only one of the season, to take place at the Pitti Palace on the 9th of April. General DELLA ROCCA goes to Trieste to present the compliments of the King to the Emperor of Austria on the occasion of his visit to that city. Signor RUDIO is still here, temporarily relieved from his post as Italian Minister at Paris, and is spoken of for some other place. The office of Minister at London, for some time vacant, still goes begging. Among a multitude named, no one seems to be eligible or willing to be gazetted. The newspaper and other gossip about alliances seems to run in the direction of one with Austria; but with what explicit advantage no one seems to have any distinct idea. These European Powers, in their squabbles with each other, shift their partners with the rollicking facility of gay companions in a dance. Count UBERDOM, for some time Prussian Minister here, now in Germany, is not to return to this post. This running to and fro of Government agents has given confidence to those who hold to the theory of impending war. Every day new names are added to the list of these traveling functionaries, charged, as is insisted, with authority to make new political combinations. Something has been said about a possible meeting between VICTOR EMMANUEL and FRANCIS JOSEPH, now that the Austrian Sovereign is on the Italian border. If such a meeting should take place, even without any great political value, it would at least be interesting as a token of full reconciliation.

ART NEWS.

Since the front of colored marbles was added to Santa Croce, and the colossal statue of DANTE erected, the square on which the Church stands has lost much of its ancient shabbiness. Nothing for centuries has been done to decorate the interior of this temple of national fame. But now a movement is on foot for this object, and a handsome sum has been given by a single individual as the beginning of a general subscription. A bill is about to be presented to Parliament with the purpose of declaring Santa Croce a sanctuary of national heroes. Up to this time it has only received the ashes of Tuscany's most distinguished men; but now its doors are to be opened for honors to all who may have nobly served a united nation. And these expanding valves are themselves to be monumental. Thirty thousand pounds of old bronze are to be given by the Government for the purpose of having the great central doors cast according to a design made to correspond with the architecture of the front of the church. The door cannot be less than thirty feet high, and upon such a broad field there will be space enough to write in symbols many passages of religious history. Indeed, the front of Santa Croce, if much less rich than that of the cathedral of Siena, or Pisa, or Orvieto, is sufficiently well ornamented with sculptured decoration. One of DUPRE's best works is in the central lunette and saints' heads on gold ground, and architectural carvings of graceful Raphaelesque designs enrich the imposts of the doors. The interior of Santa Croce, if it cannot be made more interesting, can certainly be made more beautiful.

AMERICAN ART.

Mr. PIERCE FRANCIS CONNELLY, almost the youngest of our sculptors resident here, is rising to conspicuous notice. Mr. CONNELLY has had on public exhibition the past week a group meant to illustrate a passage in the great epic of our war of the rebellion. It is made up of five or, with the horse which carries the principal actor, six figures. The artist has been engaged upon this work much of the time for the past three years, and the title he gives to it is "Honor Contending with Death." The name may be somewhat far-fetched, and the meaning not sufficiently clear; but however much or little merit or success may be shown in the work as illustrating an idea, the claim which it has as an art-invention of uncommon excellence will be acknowledged by all. Rarely have artists of long practice attempted a group of so many figures; indeed, the one at Naples is the single example in which the execution is colossal. The model which Mr. CONNELLY has at present made is of the height of five feet; but the design is intended to be carried out on a scale of largest proportions. To attempt to describe a work of art is almost folly, for only drawings of sculptured figures can convey any distinct idea. But of the present group a word or two may serve to give a notion of what the figures are, and their relations to each other. Death, a gaunt form with muscles wiry-knit, is the embodiment of compact stern force, while the horse under this figure, modeled with much anatomical knowledge, is one of the finest types of beauty in that range. Honor, the heroic and successful one of the actors in the scene, maintains his upright position, breaking Death's banner-staff and tearing his flag, while three other combatants already overcome are prostrate in various positions in the ground. There is correct and intelligent modeling in the group; effective alike for grace and force. As a composition the figures are well-placed in their relations to each other. The parts are well balanced, and the lines flow into each other so as to produce an harmonious whole; while pleasing effects are obtained, viewed from nearly all points.

There have been many visitors to Mr. CONNELLY'S studio, and the larger public has for the first time begun to pass judgment upon the artist's skill. If there should be a long future career reserved for this sculptor, successful in the same proportion as has been that of the past six years, the life of the artist will be a rare example of productive effort. The studio is a collection of interesting art objects, whether portraits of beautiful women or larger works which have called into exercise inventive power. Mr. CONNELLY is unusually successful in portrait-ture, and with our other artists, BALL, POWERS and JACKSON, is one of the best bust-makers in Florence.

The high prices paid to American sculptors for their works, stimulate them as the artists of no other country are stimulated. Italians regard with surprise, and an almost envious admiration, our generosity even to mediocre talent, and would be glad to share it. The Tuscan sculptor CHIERI, has just completed, for the City of Leghorn, a statue of CAVOUR, sixteen feet high. Five thousand dollars is all that is paid for this colossal work, upon which the artist has been engaged for several years. An American sculptor would demand, and probably receive, nearly five times that sum for the same amount of artistic labor. There is hardly one of our better-known sculptors who is not either already rich, or on the road to wealth. ANGELICO.

The Sentence of the Shrewsbury, Vt., Murderers—A Sad Scene in Court.

From the Rutland (Vt.) Herald, April 1.

The scene in the Court yesterday was a sad one—an aged wife and mother listening to the sentence of the law, dooming a son to execution and a husband and another son to virtual separation from her for life; a young wife hearing the awful sentence of her companion to be hanged until dead, and a daughter and sister hearing the judgment which separated her from father and brothers, almost in one short moment; mourning children, almost too young to comprehend the tenor of the passing scene, which condemned a father to the ignoming of the gallows. Such a scene has rarely, if ever, been witnessed, and God forbid that it may ever be witnessed again in our community.

The prisoner, HORACE R. PLUMLEY, was ordered by the clerk to stand up, when the question was asked him: "HORACE R. PLUMLEY, have you anything to say why the sentence of the law should not now be pronounced against you?" The prisoner arose, and, with much emotion, answered: "I have a little to say. I have been wrongfully convicted. I think it hard for me to be taken away from my family and lay down my life for my enemies."

In answer to the same inquiry, ZIRA PLUMLEY said: "I have a few words to say to the Court and spectators. I shall be 60 years old day after to-morrow. I have lived in Shrewsbury fifty-four years, and have raised a large family. I have always known JOHN GILMAN, Jr., ever since he was born. We never had any trouble with each other before the 1st day of August last. He never laid a straw in my way, nor I in his. I have but a few days at most to travel in Vermont, even if I were set at liberty. I have been persecuted for the last fifteen years by my enemies, and the authorities of Shrewsbury have turned a deaf ear to my complaints. I have been crippled for the last three years by the rheumatism, and I have spent much of my money in the pursuit of this matter. I hope the Court will have mercy on my wife and son. Pardon me."

In answer to a similar inquiry by the clerk, Plumley said: "I have had my say and must submit. I should like to make a statement in the case of my son, and have it recorded."

HORACE R. PLUMLEY then received the sentence of the Court as follows: Judge STEELE reading the same from a written memorandum: "HORACE R. PLUMLEY, you, having been duly tried by an impartial jury, and convicted of the awful crime of murder, it has now become the duty of the Court to pronounce the sentence of the law upon you, which sentence is: That on the ninth day of April, A.D. 1869, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, you be taken from your place of confinement to the place of execution, and there be hung by the neck until you be dead, pursuant to the law to be issued as provided by law, and that you be imprisoned in hollow confinement in the State Prison at Windsor, in the County of Windsor, until such punishment shall be inflicted."

As the Judge was pronouncing the sentence, and the room was hushed and still, not even a breath being heard, which had not been the part where he said, "and there be hung by the neck, until you be dead," the wife, mother and sister, and other female relatives of HORACE in Court, uttered a long, loud wail of distress, so strong and continued that the voice of the Judge was drowned by its power. The remainder of the sentence was read amid the moaning of women and the sobbing of children. The scene was one to affect the strongest hearts, and scarcely an eye but was filled with tears of sympathy for the families of the condemned men.

ZIRA PLUMLEY was then sentenced to hard labor in the State Prison during his natural life, and FREDERICK Z. PLUMLEY for the term of twenty years. In fixing the sentence of FREDERICK the Judge remarked that they had discriminated in his favor for the sole reason that he was weak in intellect.

BOSTON DETECTIVES.

The Scale House Investigation—Mr. Gooding's Story About the Lord Bond Robbery—Wholesale Charges of Corruption—"Hod Annis" Complications.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

BOSTON, Monday, April 5, 1869.

No more "startling developments" were made in the Police Detective investigation at the State House on Friday, as Mr. GOODING was not present, he being unexpectedly detained in Court by the hearing on the motion for a new trial of his robbers, JENNINGS and STRADHAM—which, by the way, was not granted, and so the robbers were sentenced each to four years in the State Prison, one day solitary, to the intense satisfaction of the law and order-loving people—but to-night a few more interesting statements were made, Mr. GOODING being on hand. The three most interested parties, Chief Police KURTZ and Detectives HEATH and JONES, were also present, and showed their deep concern in the proceedings by bringing with them counsel, able and learned, in the person of Hon. DWIGHT FOSTER, late Judge in the Supreme Court. Mr. GOODING's story this evening very long and rather roundabout, and was pretty much about

THE LORD BOND ROBBERY,

and in substance it was this. That when in Montreal with him HEATH was very familiar with HOD ANNIS, (the Lord bond robber,) and had several long and private conversations with HOD ANNIS, and from what he caught of it he (GOODING) understood that their talk was about the Lord bond robbery. GOODING slept with HEATH several times while in Montreal, and heard thereby, through his intimacy with the detective, more about this robbery. One morning, happening up before HEATH had wakened, he pulled the clothes off him, and playfully attempted to roll him out of bed, and in so doing he noticed under and around him a lot of new bonds. He looked at HEATH and HEATH looked at him, but nothing was said. After GOODING had returned to Boston he received several letters from HOD ANNIS. In these HOD urged him to get PENNY back to Boston, and guardedly expressed his grievance concerning the detective. In one of these he said "GUS (meaning PENNY) had nothing to do with the ten per cent. The 'dog man' (meaning HARRY JENNINGS) said they (meaning the detectives) must have the ten per cent., and were all right before the robbery was committed." And in another he urged GOODING to see the officer who arrested him (HOD ANNIS) for the Lord bond robbery, and hear what he had to say about the money got by this robbery. GOODING did so, and thereby learned a great deal. This officer was one WESTCOTT, of Newburyport, formerly City Marshal of that place. GOODING met him by appointment in Market-square. He introduced himself to the officer, and told him that he came from HOD ANNIS, whereupon he was asked to speak softly, and at once taken to a hotel. Here WESTCOTT told a long story, and the two talked earnestly for about four hours. WESTCOTT said that the Boston and New-York officers had come to Newburyport and tried to get ANNIS away from him; but he wouldn't give him up until they had settled with him. He had a ring as well as they. So they held a consultation. ANNIS gave a certain pass-word to one of the officers which, if used at a certain place in the West End, Boston, would bring out a pack-ane containing $200,000 of the Lord money. This was to be sent to LORD, and the reward which should be received from him therefor was to be paid for the liberation of ANNIS. The officer who got the pass-word was HEATH, and he sent it to JONES, who used it, got the money, and forwarded it to New-York. WESTCOTT agreed with HEATH and Detective JOHN YOUNG, of New-York, who was present, that ANNIS should be liberated on his getting a certain share of the money, and all promised ANNIS freedom if he would help them in getting what they wanted. Thus $250,000 were disposed of, and ANNIS was liberated. Subsequently HEATH got $80,000 from ANNIS in Montreal. He was to send this to New-York to Mr. LORD, and receive as a reward therefor $3,000—ten per cent., and this reward was to be equally divided between four persons—HEATH, Colonel KURTZ, (Chief of the Boston Police,) Detective JOHN YOUNG, of New-York, and HON ANNIS. ANNIS complains that he received from HEATH, instead of $2,000, only a few hundred, and that he had been beaten by the detectives from first to last; and further, that REV. HEATH had $22,000 given him to "turn in," but instead of turning it in, he kept it himself.

Mr. FOSTER, the counsel for the detective, attempted to show by cross-examination that Mr. GOODING was a companion of thieves and robbers before his office was robbed, and to break down his testimony by showing him up as an untruthful man, but failed. It should be added, however, that Mr. FOSTER did not exactly have fair play, the Committee seeming ill disposed to listen to, or admit, any defence. Mr. GOODING said he knew of other cases of wrongdoing by the Boston detectives, but did not wish to state them just now, feeling that he had told enough for the present. After Mr. GOODING had retired from the field other parties were brought forward who hinted at gross irregularities on the part of our unlucky detective force. The hearing of the evening was continued until near midnight, but not concluded. It is now thought possible that the stories that have been so long whispered about town regarding the detectives and the Chief will be thoroughly investigated, and if these officers are really corrupt their corruption will be made clear to the public. MUNROE.

Governor Senter on the Condition of Tennessee.

From the Nashville Press and Times, April 5.

Governor SENTER was met at the depot at Knoxville last Thursday by a large number of citizens. Being called on for a speech, he replied that his observation along the road between Knoxville and Nashville led him to believe that the people all along the line were peaceable and quiet, and manifested no disposition to lawlessness. General GILBERT, he said, was at work, and General COOPER was at work, and that under the present administration of affairs he had no doubt our State would soon assume its former glory, the peace and prosperity of which it had been so suddenly destroyed by the late wicked and fanatical rebellion. He thought that counties which had lately shown a disposition to disregard law were now among the best in the State. He believed that under this beneficent state of affairs the entire midst soon be disbanded and sent home to plow. If this was done, and the Southern Confederate rebellion again insulted the law and persecuted loyal citizens, and the State Guards had to be called out a second time, then was he sure there would be the hand of stern justice should fall.

THE TURF.

The Jerome Park Stakes Handicap—The Opening of the Fall Meeting—The Two-year Old Sweepstakes—And the Autumn Stakes for Four-year Olds.

On the first of the present month the designations for the two handicaps, the Fordham Stakes and the Jockey Club handicap, to be run for at the approaching meeting in June, were declared, and the entries for four new stakes, the Jerome and Metropolitan Stakes and two sweepstakes for three-year olds and two-year olds, closed at the same time. That Mr. CASSIDY WHEATLEY has unkindly and ungenerously discharged his anxious and intelligent entries as handicapper, is satisfactorily evidenced by the number of acceptances in these two races; twenty-two out of twenty-four horses entered for the mile-and-a-quarter dash, the Fordham Stakes, having accepted the weights imposed upon them, and fifteen out of the twenty-seven entered in the Jockey Club handicap, two only, having also tried "contest." In the Fordham Stakes, Colonel McDANIELS has declared out with his five horses, *Red Dick*, *Bolle*, *Harvester*, *Bayley* and *Albania*, and with the two first-named and *Julius* out of the Jockey Club handicap. Mr. SANFORD has struck out *Northumberland*, *Salsate* and *Jolly Oak* from the Fordham Stakes, and in that as well as the longer race, will be represented by his fine four-year-old filly, *La Polka*, only. *Abdel Kader* is declared out of the Fordham Stakes, but remains in the Jockey Club handicap, and Mr. GARRISON, who entered remarkably well in with *Dunrovan* and *Glen Rock*, both handicapped at the lowest weights, has struck them out of both races, having apparently something better in prospect for them during the season. *Scotia*, owing to an "indescribable" lot in the entries, is declared out in both events, and Mr. MORRIS has struck *Rancator* out of the shorter race, and Dr. WELDON, Mr. PENDOCK, and Messrs. BOWIE and HALL have declined accepting with *Alderman*, *James J. Connolly*, *Nelly McDonald* and the *Domestic* colt in the two-mile dash. The following is a list of the accepting horses, with their weights in the two handicaps:

FORDHAM STAKES, ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.

1. F. Morris' Rutblues, 5 years old, 128 pounds.
2. R. Ferguson's Rancator, 5 years old, 118 pounds.
3. John O'Donnell's B. D. Connolly, 5 years old, 118 pounds.
4. W. Walden's Metaric, 5 years old, 118 pounds.
5. A. Belmont's Dickens, 6 years old, 118 pounds.
6. John Coster's Gratamah, Jr., 5 years old, 118 pounds.
7. John O'Donnell's General Duke, 4 years old, 114 pounds.
8. C. Littledale's Hira, 4 years old, 109 pounds.
9. J. W. Walden's Julius, 5 years old, 109 pounds.
10. Hunter & Travers' Nemesis, 4 years old, 109 pounds.
11. Bowie & Hall's Lecomte, 4 years old, 109 pounds.
12. A. K. Richards' Lucus Feet, 4 years old, 109 pounds.
13. Bowie & Hall's Corsican, 4 years old, 109 pounds.
14. W. Kerwin's Kitten, 5 years old, 104 pounds.
15. M. H. Sanford's La Polka, 4 years old, 104 pounds.
16. R. W. Walden's Benny Brace, 4 years old, 102 pounds.
17. R. W. Walden's colt by Uncle Vic, 4 years old, 102 pounds.
18. L. W. Jerome's St. Paul, 4 years old, 102 pounds.
19. Richards & Kilgour's Kitty Free, 4 years old, 102 pounds.
20. L. B. Holland's Sweet Home, 4 years old, 99 pounds.
21. Bowie & Hall's Lagaiee, 4 years old, 99 pounds.
22. A. Belmont's Attraction, 3 years old, 88 pounds.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, TWO MILES.

1. F. Morris' Rutblues, 5 years old, 131 pounds.
2. J. O'Fallon's Plantagenet, 5 years old, 117 pounds.
3. John O'Donnell's B. D. Connolly, 5 years old, 114 pounds.
4. John O'Donnell's General Duke, 4 years old, 114 pounds.
5. Hunter & Travers' Nemesis, 4 years old, 109 pounds.
6. Bowie & Hall's Australia, 4 years old, 102 pounds.
7. Thos. Buford's Pleasureville, 4 years old, 102 pounds.
8. Thos. S. Hickok's Abdel Kader, 4 years old, 102 pounds.
9. W. Kerwin's Kitten, 5 years old, 104 pounds.
10. M. H. Sanford's La Polka, 4 years old, 104 pounds.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The new Constitution was still under discussion in the Spanish Cortes. The points lately under debate have been in relation to the number, power and duties of the Ministry.

The recent utterances of French Ministers, both in the Senate and Corps Legislatif, have a peaceful drift.

A grand banquet was given to Mr. CHARLES DICKENS, in Liverpool, yesterday evening, at which Sir HENRY HOTHORN presided, and a large number of literary notabilities were present. Mr. ANTHONY TROLLOPE, in a neat speech, recommended DICKENS as Minister to Washington.

CUBA.

Considerable excitement exists in Havana in consequence of the trouble between the volunteers and citizens, on Friday. No outbreak, however, is apprehended.

Numerous skirmishes are reported between the Spanish troops and the insurgents, in the country districts.

Two patriots were arrested and taken off an American ship.

The latest telegrams state that there was fighting in the streets of Havana between the citizens and the Spanish troops.

CONGRESS.

The Senate remained in Executive session from Friday night until 4 o'clock yesterday morning, when, having resumed, it passed the Amendatory Tax bill, and then adjourned until 10 o'clock. On reassembling, the Senate passed the bill relating to the Attorney-General of the United States, with a few brief amendments. There was a fresh discussion after this in regard to the pay of Senators from reconstructed States. The original proposition was to pay them from the commencement of the Fortieth Congress; and the amendment, to pay them from 28th June last. In the midst of a discussion relative to postponing the further consideration of the subject, Mr. ANTHONY, the President pro tem., declared the Senate adjourned without day.

The House continued its session from Friday night until 5:30 yesterday morning, during which period the bill to retire General HIRAM BERMAN was passed. On resuming, at 10 o'clock, General BANKS, of Massachusetts, offered a vote of sympathy with the people of Cuba, in their patriotic efforts to secure independence and establish a Republican form of Government. The resolution was passed by a vote of 98 to 21. There was some sharp skirmishing in relation to the contested election case in the Fourth South Carolina District; but as it was so near the close of the session, the mover thought it better to withdraw the resolution upon the subject. The usual Committee appointed to wait upon the President was informed that General GRANT had no further communication to make to Congress. Upon the arrival of the hour of 12, the Speaker declared the House adjourned without date.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Broadway Surface Railroad bill was considered in Committee of the Whole yesterday. A number of amendments were offered, but summarily rejected, and the bill ordered to a third reading. It will probably go to a final vote on Monday. The act gives the surporators power to go, with double and single tracks, through twenty streets, as follows: 1. Whitehall-street—double track from South Ferry to Broadway. 2. Broadway—a double track from the Bowling-green to Twenty-third-street. 3. Twenty-third-street—a double track from Broadway to the North River and East River. 4. Lexington-avenue—a double track from Twenty-third-street to its northern extremity. 5. Fifty-ninth-street—a double track from Lexington-avenue to Fifth-avenue. 6. Seventy-second-street—a double track from Fifth to Sixth avenues. 7. Seventy-ninth-street—a double track from Fifth to Sixth avenues. 8. Eighty-sixth-street—a double track from Fifth to Sixth avenues. 9. Seventy-seventh-street—double track from Fifth-avenue to East River. 10. Fourteenth-street—double track from North to East River. 11. Fourth and Sixth avenues—to use present tracks, to make connections. 12. Duane and Chambers streets—double track from Broadway to Pavonia Ferry. 13. Fulton-street—single track from Broadway to Fulton Ferry. 14. Burling-slip and John-street—single track to Broadway. 15. State-street—double or single track from Broadway to South Ferry. 16. Maiden-lane—single track from Broadway to Pearl-street. 17. Pearl-street—single track from Maiden to Wall-street. 18. Wall-street—double track from Pearl-street to the ferry, and single track from Pearl-street to Broadway. 19. Dey-street—single track from Broadway to West-street. 20. Cortlandt-street—single track from Broadway to West-street.

GENERAL.

The fires in the Nevada mines continue to rage with increased intensity; and the buildings above them are endangered. No more bodies have been recovered. The funeral procession of the victims was followed by hundreds of mourners, and all the flags of the city were at half mast. The stocks of Yellow Jacket, Kentuck and Crown Point, the mines where the subterranean fires are raging, continue to decline.

A daguerrean artist named DANIEL POTTER was shot and killed at Columbus, Ga., last week, by a man named DANIEL. Several persons, including the deceased, were discussing religious matters in a store, when words led to blows, and during the melée DANIEL fired the fatal shot. He was promptly arrested.

A Philadelphia paper says that Mrs. TWICHELL, wife of the murderer and suicide, is preparing a statement of her knowledge regarding the murder of her mother, and that it will be ready for the public in a few days.

Mrs. SARAH M. VICTOR, who is under sentence of death for the murder of her brother, is reported to be in a dying condition in the Ohio Penitentiary. She has broken down completely since her trial.

The present Building Committee in charge of the construction of the new City Hall of Baltimore, have cut out and entirely erased from the corner-stone the names of the former Building Committee, and substituted their own names.

Mr. JAMES L. LAWRENSON, journal clerk of the Post Office Department, has been removed by Postmaster-General CRESWELL, and Colonel WILSON, of Wisconsin, appointed to fill his place. Mr. LAWRENSON has been attached to the Post Office Department for upward of fifty years.

There is hesitation about confirming Mr. CHARLES W. ELIOT as President of Harvard College, and the Board of Overseers have postponed acting on the question for two weeks.

General SHERMAN will take possession of his new residence, the house recently occupied by General GRANT, on I-street, to-morrow.

The feeling in the unreconstructed States seems to be one of universal satisfaction with the action of Congress. In Georgia this feeling has complete expression. In Virginia the Conservatives are eager to put in motion the usual machinery of political conventions; but it is quite certain they do not intend to nominate a candidate for Governor.

The rate of taxation proposed for Baltimore this year is $1 60 on the $100, against $1 20 last year, with the State tax of 10 cents on the $100 to be added. There will still be a deficiency of $600,199 41, which it is proposed to cover by sales or hypothecation of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad stock held by the city. Last year the city tax of $1 20 was upon a basis of $224,500,000 in the outset, but afterward reduced by the abatements of the Appeal Tax Court to $205,138,948, and now it is reduced still lower, to $200,464,494, within the limits of direct taxation, and $212,300,293 for all, inclusive of that which is beyond those limits.

Hon. C. C. COX, Commissioner of Pensions, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Secretary of the Interior, to take effect May 1. It seems to be understood that Hon. SIDNEY PERHAM, of Maine, will receive the appointment.

A term of the Supreme Court, which commenced at Wiscasset, Me., last Tuesday, was adjourned Wednesday until the first Tuesday in May, on account of the terrible condition of the roads. The road between Wiscasset and Bath is nearly impassable.

A society for the prevention of cruelty to animals is to be organized in Bangor, Me.

A woman eighty-five years of age is under arrest in Gardiner, Me., on suspicion of having murdered four husbands. A post-mortem examination of her last victim revealed traces of poison, which led to her arrest; and rumor now says that his three predecessors were taken off in an unfriendly manner.

General JUBAL A. EARLY has gone to Lexington, Va., to visit General LEE.

Mrs. GEO. GEIZE, a member of the family in Hamilton, Ontario, who were prostrated about six weeks since from eating pork containing *trichina spiralis*, died on Thursday.

WENDELL PHILLIPS is to lecture in Horticultural Hall, Boston, this afternoon, his subject being "Christianity a Battle, not a Dream."

In Pennsylvania to furnish poison to any one with the purpose of enabling him to commit suicide, is to become an accessory before the fact to a murder in the first degree, and the offence is punishable with death.

Two young gentlemen in New-Orleans, who had quarreled about a young lady, met one morning last week in hostile array, near the negro burying ground. As they were waiting for one of their seconds to order them to fire, the mother of one of the bloodthirsty twain rushed in and frantically ended the combat.

WALTER BROWN is to attempt to ride a velocipede fifty miles within six hours in Boston to-morrow.

The strike of the keepers and overseers in the Michigan State Prison, which caused a suspension of work in all the shops for several days, has been satisfactorily adjusted. The Governor assured them that they should have $700 per annum each, which was about what they had received for the two previous years, and further said that he would endeavor to have their salaries fixed at $800. On these assurances the strikers resumed their duties. The sympathies of the public were all with the keepers, who have been badly treated by the Legislature.

The works of the Taunton Soap and Oil Company were destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

By an ingenious ruse the New-York Spring Company managed to obtain possession, yesterday, of the Gettysburg Katalysine Spring, from which they had been ejected by the proprietor. As the only means of access to the springs, however, is across the latter's grounds, he intends to dispute their right of way.

The opening of navigation on Lake Erie has induced the lake seamen at Buffalo to strike for higher wages. They formed in procession on Friday and paraded the streets, and were joined by the painters and other workmen engaged in preparing vessels for the Spring trade.

Congress is to receive petitions from the Chambers of Commerce of Cincinnati and New-Orleans to provide the means of navigation for the largest vessels between New-Orleans and the Gulf.

The Overland Mail Company is now carrying the mails a distance of 110 miles between the two ends of the railroads approximated thus far toward complete connection.

A Coroner's jury, in the case of Mrs. HANNAH MADDEN, who died suddenly at Taylor, N. Y., recently brought in a verdict to the effect that Mrs. MADDEN came to her death from an overdose of morphine administered by ROXANA CRAFT and PETER MADDEN. The former was held to answer, and the latter was discharged, whereupon he became surety for Miss CRAFT and secured her release from custody.

Colonel JOHN S. LESTER, of Preston, Conn., committed suicide on Wednesday night by leaping overboard from one of the Sound steamers while on his way to New-York. He left a letter at home informing his friends that he intended to commit suicide. Pecuniary difficulties are alleged as the cause of his death.

HENRY COTTON, indicted in Galveston, Texas, as accessory to the murder of Major LIEBMAN, has been sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment.

Ex-President JOHNSON made another of his characteristic harangues in Nashville, Tenn., yesterday.

The Louisville, New-Albany and Chicago Railroad was sold by the Sheriff of White County on the 8th instant, for the nominal sum of $100,000. It was bid in for the bond holders by their agent, WILLIAM SCHUYLER, who represented that all the holders of bonds would be admitted to the full benefit of the reorganization, whether their bonds were in the pool or not, and upon this assurance there was no competing bid.

The Illinois Legislature has passed a bill directing that all the fines collected by the City of Chicago from the keepers, inmates and visitors of houses of prostitution, and from any person in any way connected therewith, shall be set aside for the sole use and benefit of "The Chicago Erring Woman's Refuge for Reform," and "The House of the Good Shepherd," and shall be equally divided between those two institutions.

A large meeting of Cuban sympathizers was held in Philadelphia last evening.

The Twelfth United States Infantry passed through Baltimore yesterday on the way to California.

The inquest upon the remains of TWITCHELL, the Philadelphia murderer, who committed suicide the night prior to the time fixed for his execution, terminated yesterday with a verdict to the effect that poison had been supplied to him by some persons unknown.

The New-Orleans races terminated yesterday with some capital sport.

A number of Swedish emigrants passed through Concord, N. H., yesterday evening, on their way to the great West. Among them were a number of Mormon converts proceeding to Utah.

We noticed on Thursday the fact that a New-York banker, resident in Skaneateles, has disappeared, quite mysteriously, with $60,000 in his possession. It now appears that the missing gentleman has been found in Canada, and that the money is all safe.

Coroner ROLLINS yesterday held an inquest on the body of MARGARET REDDEN, a well-known brothel keeper in the Eighth Ward. The jury decided that death was caused by heart disease, accelerated by dissipation.

In the case of FISK vs. The Pacific Railroad, nothing was done before the Referee yesterday, time being required to examine the books taken from the safe.

The funeral of Sir EDWARD CUNARD, agent of the noted steamer line between the United States and Liverpool, took place yesterday at Grace Church, whence the remains were immediately taken to Trinity Churchyard, and interred in the vault of the McEVERS family.

A velocipede race took place at the New-York Velocipedrome for $200, which was won by young "Carnival" in 4:18. It attracted a large crowd of spectators.

Messrs. LATHROP, LUDLINGTON & Co., dry goods dealers in this City, whose suspension has already been announced, were yesterday declared to be in voluntary bankruptcy by the United States Court.

There arrived at the cattle-yards, Communipaw, for this week, 207 cars, containing 1,711 cattle, 5,113 hogs and 6,202 sheep. Slaughtered at that place, 200 cattle, 3,673 hogs and 7,300 sheep.

Disestablishment in England.

It is reported by cable that Captain MERVYN ARCHDALL, member for Fermanagh, and a Conservative, has made a proposal in the House of Commons for the disestablishment of the English and Scotch Churches. This implies, we presume, that he has given notice of a resolution to that effect, possibly in the form of an amendment in committee on the Irish Church bill. In no case, however, is it to be supposed that the proposition was made seriously, or that it is likely to be seriously entertained by any party, or section of a party, in the House of Commons. Neither the Nonconformists and advanced Radicals, who desire the destruction of the English Church on the one hand, nor the extreme High Churchmen, who desire the "liberation of the Church from State control" for very different reasons on the other, are inclined to take up the question of their own accord just at the present moment. Captain ARCHDALL's proposal must have been the result, we are inclined to think, of one of two motives. It is possible that as an Irish Protestant and Tory of the old school, burning with indignation at what he probably considers as the betrayal of his own branch of the Church of English Churchmen, he may, in the bitterness of his heart, aim at revenge by fomenting the existing elements of hostility toward them. Such a frame of mind in a hot-headed Orangeman is far from inconceivable. Captain ARCHDALL may have thought that in default of any possible expedient for saving the Irish Church, he might at least carry terror into the ranks of the English Churchmen, who furnished three-fourths of the majority which sealed the fate of the Irish Establishment. But on this supposition, his motion can only be regarded as a senseless ebullition of religious spite. On the other hand, he may be acting under the orders of the chiefs of his party, and his motion may be simply intended as a diversion in the fray, and a means of sowing dissension in the ranks of his opponents. It is difficult to see, however, what real advantage could accrue to the cause which the Tories are advocating from such a course. It may serve to excite a few of the extreme Radical wing of the Liberal Party into avowing their real views with regard to the Anglican Establishment, and thereby alarming a few timid Churchmen among the supporters of Mr. GLADSTONE's measure. But no one can suppose that it can seriously effect the ultimate result. A majority of 118 cannot be materially affected at any future stage of the bill by tactics of this nature.

The fact, however, that such a proposal has been formally made, cannot fail to bring the general question of Church Establishments prominently before the public, even if its immediate results in the House of Commons are unimportant. The cases of the English and Irish Churches are in many respects widely different, but it is evident to all who have studied the bearing of recent political developments in England that while the Irish Church has been condemned, the English Church is even now on its trial. For the present, it is true that the party of which Mr. BRIGHT may be said to be the representative, is careful not to assume an attitude of hostility toward the English Establishment, and one of the most advanced Liberals in the House has epigrammatically drawn the distinction that while it would take an army to put down the English Church, it requires an army to keep up the Irish. But there can be no doubt as to the ultimate tendency of recent events in England as to the connection of Church and State. The time has not yet come for the realization of religious freedom in the full sense of the words, and it may be many years before it does come. Come, however, it must, and sooner or later, the proposal made either in grim jest, or from motives of party strategy, will be made in earnest and finally carried into effect.

Social Relations of the Rich and Poor.

The constant agitation of the "Eight-hour Labor question" has produced, in Massachusetts, another Legislative Committee. Witnesses are shy; some who appeared and testified before the Committee appointed last year were discharged by their employers—and in default of obtaining the valuable experiences of practical laborers, the Committee has been listening to platitudes from that most unpractical, but most persistent of agitators, Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS. His speech on the 6th instant did not contain anything that was new from the industrial or political points of view. He claimed for "Trades' Unions" that they were the laborers' means of self-protection; admitted that coöperation was the great question of the future, and announced that the ballot was the only remedy for the evils complained of by the laborers. But in regard to the social aspect of the question Mr. PHILLIPS threw out a very interesting and valuable hint. "The tendency," he said, "is for the children of the rich to be separately educated, and the great mutual benefit of their contact with the children of the poor is lost, and with it also the interest of the rich in the public schools."

This tendency to the separation of the two classes in educational institutions is one of the most painful evidences of the increasing social antagonism of the rich and poor,—the more painful since in education there can be no distinction which can be marked by wealth or poverty. Yet it must be apparent to all that the number of educational institutions intended exclusively for the wealthy is rapidly on the increase, and that the cost of education, in the public as well as private schools of the country, is annually advancing. The most tempting attractions which the private schools now offer in the way of inducements are that they are select and costly. "Select academies for young ladies" are becoming as common in the large cities as cross-roads and district schools in the country. This was always so in the South, where four-fifths of the schools being of the select sort and beyond the means of the great majority of poor whites, only one-fifth—in reality only one-thirteenth—of the people received any education. This system led to the education at the North, abroad, or in high-priced schools at home of the wealthier classes only, and aided, with other social and industrial advantages, to make the wealthy and educated class the ruling political power. There cannot now be established as absolutely any such false system of education at the North; the free school system is already too widely and firmly established in all parts of the country; the progressive tendency of the laboring classes cannot be checked under their present full headway; but the disposition of the wealthy to encourage the establishment of schools whose charges render them exclusive, and which are intended only for the wealthy, must naturally increase the antagonism of the two classes, and indirectly, as Mr. PHILLIPS suggests, impair the efficiency of the common school system. There are schools in operation in this City whose chief, and perhaps only recommendation is, that they are conducted by ladies of good families in reduced circumstances; there are numbers of such schools depending for success wholly on the fact that they are conducted by Knickerbockers of ancient houses. There are schools for young ladies in this City and Brooklyn, where the regulations as to dress close their doors to the poor; in which may be daily seen young lady students attired in silks that trail the floor for yards, and decorated with head dresses so elaborate as to at once reveal the fact that professional hair-dressers have prepared the misses for school as if for a ball. More time is devoted in these schools to the study of etiquette than to etymology or entomology, and to style in deportment than to style in composition. The annual cost of dressing a young lady for one of these schools, in many instances exceeds the entire cost of a district school of fifty pupils in any of the Western States. Such schools are equally costly and pernicious. Their studies are usually of a superficial character, and if they were not the thoughts and ideas which are inculcated in regard to dress, manners and "style" generally, would drive all others of more value out of the heads of the fair and fashionable students.

There must of necessity be social distinctions produced by wealth,—the most impractical of theorists will admit this,—but it is unpleasant to see these distinctions affecting the educational system of the country. And moreover it is dangerous in its tendency,—dangerous particularly to the wealthy class which is creating the false distinction. Will our wealthy classes take warning by the fate of that aristocracy of the South, which, based solely on wealth, met its ruin in endeavoring to extend its power? There was no enlightened democracy at home to overthrow the Southern aristocracy; it was the democracy of the North which accomplished that work. The Northern aristocracy of wealth will find its enemy at its doors; and in defining and increasing by the establishment of social institutions, the combination of manufacturing and moneyed interests, or by class legislation, the antagonism already existing, the wealthy minority are only provoking their political ruin and overthrow by the poor and laboring majority.

The New-York Fisheries Again.

A correspondent is right in saying that "the seven-thousand-dollar appropriation which the TIMES urges the Legislature to make to enable the Fish Commissioners to plant 300,000,000 shad eggs in the Hudson River would be thrown away unless the Legislature compels the fishermen to enlarge the meshes of their stake nets;" but he is not right in intimating, as he does, that we urged the appropriation irrespective of the regulations. Our language was explicit on this point,—we demanded "the enforcement of the proper laws for the protection of the fish." But the appropriation is an immediate necessity; the size of the meshes of the nets may be regulated a year hence. But still we do not wish to see the appropriation made unless the regulations are also certain to be made.

To the alteration of the present very lax Game laws of the State there is a very serious opposition by influential and wealthy interests. Mr. SKEEL introduced, among other amendments to the Game laws, one fixing the size of the mesh in all stake nets at 7½ inches. This developed very active opposition on the part of the wealthy "netting" interest in the State—a power which really threatens to prevent the desired improvement of our waters. Mr. GENIO C. SCOTT (in his admirable book on *Fishing in American Waters*, just published by the HARPERS,) estimates the annual catch of shad at 1,100,000, worth not less than $275,000 in our markets. This fishing interest, with a selfish and, we think, short-sighted policy, is active in endeavoring to get the size of mesh fixed at five inches. We hope they will not succeed; the size named in Mr. SKEEL's bill is none too large. Fish dealers in Fulton and other markets report that the average run of fish sold from their stalls measures from 9½ to 13 inches at the dorsal fin, and they say that an eight-inch mesh is necessary to admit of the passage of spawners of the proper size to the upper waters of the river. We hope that, in the interest of the public, the figures in Mr. SKEEL's bill will not be altered, unless enlarged; to fix the size of the mesh in the stake nets of the Hudson at five inches is simply to give up the question of protection, throw away the seven-thousand-dollar and all other appropriations, and maintain the price of shad at the present high rates, for the benefit of the fishermen, and against the interests of the general public.

The fishermen are also opposing the proposition that all nets, pounds and seines which form the gauntlet which the shad have to run to reach their spawning grounds, shall not be set or drawn from sunset on Saturday until daylight on Monday of each week. In all the old countries of Europe, and also in Canada, where the inland fisheries have been restored, and are not now fished beyond their recuperative power, this has been found absolutely necessary to the preservation of the fisheries. And it will be found necessary, also, in the Hudson. The enlargement of the size of the mesh is not sufficient; all fishing with nets or seines on Sunday should be prohibited. If these provisions of law are enacted and enforced, and, say 1,000,000,000 of shad fry are turned loose in the river, as can be done in three seasons, at a cost of not more than $60,000 in five years, the very beggars of New-York can afford to eat the finest fresh shad.

The appropriation asked for by the Commissioners and the regulations named are both imperatively demanded. We should have preferred to urge the enactment of the regulations at some future day, and not encumber the proposition of the Commissioners at this time with other considerations. But since, as we are assured, the netting interest is active in efforts to prevent the adoption of these necessary regulations, we urge the Legislature not to make the appropriation without enacting the laws necessary to the success of the work and the return of the expenditure. The names of the Commissioners ought to give sufficient weight to their recommendations to secure their immediate adoption; the Legislature will find, if further information is needed on this subject, that not only are all the practical pisciculturists of the country urgent in regard to the adoption of the regulations, but that the fish dealers acquiesce in the wisdom of the proposition. A great material interest of the State demands early legislation on this subject.

The Latest Imperial Enigma.

The policy of the subtile and astute Emperor of the French is as difficult of comprehension to the ordinary mind as the Delphic oracles or the hieroglyphics of ancient Egypt. The less apparent his motive the more important does his action immediately become in the eyes of the French nation, the more persistently do they discuss it and endeavor to arrive at its real aims and objects. The gossips of Paris are just now particularly busy, and seem more than ordinarily perplexed, not at any action on the part of the Emperor, but at a surprising absence of it, which is to them quite as full of meaning.

Under the *régime* of the Second Empire a free public expression of opinion has been entirely suppressed. The liberty of the Press has been so circumscribed that the legislative debates are recorded without comment! and even passing events are not allowed to be impartially criticised or considered. More than twenty persons have not been permitted to assemble for the purpose of discussing the most ordinary measures of constitutional opposition, without incurring the risk of the interference of the Police, and the condemnation in pains and penalties by sycophantic Judges.

Nevertheless, under this same *régime*, we are told that Communism has suddenly raised its head, and is growing *permissively* rampant in Paris. Meetings of three or four hundred persons are allowed continually to assemble at such public places as the Folies Belville or the Pré-aux-Clercs, to listen to the vehement harangues of demagogues who vie with one another in the violence of their opinions and the fierceness of their declamations. The opinions of such men as MARAT, BARBES, BLANQUE and Père DUCHESNE, are advanced, defended, and proclaimed to be identical with those of this modern sect of Communists—opinions which shocked the world and excited universal horror in the Revolution of 1793, and again for a few months in 1848. Immediate confiscation of property and the total suppression of religion are passionately demanded, amid the approving cries of "*à bas la famille!*"—"*à bas la réligion*," from maddened enthusiasts, many of whom are women. Such is the intensity of their animosity to the possession of property and to religion, that they declare that the question of Imperialism and Republicanism is of insignificant importance compared with the great question of the extinction of the rights of property; while the name of the Revolutionist ROBESPIERRE is mentioned with disgust simply because he had a certain belief in a Supreme Being.

What, ask the Parisians, can be the object of the Government in tolerating, and, by tolerating, encouraging, this open teaching of Communism and Atheism?—doctrines which in bygone times have crowded the prisons, deluged the nation in blood, and at one time bade fair to destroy the whole fabric of French society.

The Imperial policy has of late years sustained many reverses. The unfortunate results of the expedition to Mexico, the abandonment of Poland to her fate, and the repeated snubs of BISMARCK, have offended the *amour propre* of the nation. An opposition is daily growing and gathering strength in the French Chambers, and may become formidable and difficult of control. A not over prosperous condition of trade, combined with high prices and onerous taxation, has impressed the minds, even of the best disposed, with grave doubts as to the beneficence of the Imperial rule. The uneasiness of the popular mind on these subjects has doubtless led NAPOLEON to cast about for a counter-irritant. His policy of persuading all classes of the community, from the peasant to the peer, to become investors in the public funds, has created a certain general interest in the stability of his Government, and it may be, as is supposed in many quarters, that this non-interference with the new generation of Communists may arise from the desire to convince the manufacturing and trading interests that there are evils of terrible import still existing in France, ready to assume shape and substance at any moment, and much more to be dreaded than the loss of prestige consequent on an unsuccessful foreign policy, or high prices and heavy taxation.

But will such an artifice succeed in changing the current of public opinion? The France of to-day is not the France of 1848. Twenty years of progress and of comparative quiet and prosperity, have made thousands upon thousands of Frenchmen saving men, and numbers who in 1848 were not hostile to communistic doctrines, have now learned to abhor them. What chance then, has this new propaganda of assuming such proportions as to cause real alarm? What chance has it of securing sufficient support to render it a powerful agent for controlling the disaffection of the great bulk of the nation? If the Emperor is anxious to turn the minds of the French people from what he considers an undue attention to public affairs, let him set about it honestly and straightforwardly.

This is to be composed by removing the causes of dissatisfaction with his rule, not by such Machiavellian expedients as threatening the nation with the terrors of Communism and Atheism.

Labor and Emigration.

The London *Times*, in copying for the benefit of its laboring classes at home the series of articles on the working classes of New-York which have been published in this journal, appends, among others, this significant remark:

"It will be observed that the table of weekly expenses of a mechanic or artisan and his family allows nothing for any stronger drink than tea or coffee."

One of the most encouraging of the few facts which the temperance advocates in this country can cite in support of their theories—and, unfortunately, their schemes of temperance reform are very largely theoretical—is that whose revelation surprises the Thunderer. The omission to which it alludes was not an oversight. In the first place, "any drink stronger than tea or coffee" is not looked upon in this country as necessary to the comfort of a family; and the pot of ale, without which the English mechanic's meal is incomplete, has no counterpart on the table of the American artisan. Drinking is not largely done, and drunkenness, as a rule, is not extensively practiced in this country in the bosom of one's own family—the general public, in this free land, get the full advantage and benefit of the exhibitions of beastliness, which are semi-occasional—in fact, very frequent with us. Drinking with Americans is less a confirmed habit, properly controlled and regulated, than a violation of all other habits; American mechanics, and in fact, Americans of all grades, drink less on account of an educated taste and love of drinks, than of uneducated and false ideas of sociality. Americans as a rule do not drink alone, and almost always in public places. In habits, tastes and practices they are very unlike the English ale drinkers. The cost of "any drinks stronger than tea and coffee" is never considered in the household expenses; and though the expensive drinking at public bars sometimes absorbs a large proportion of the income of a mechanic, he never looks on it as a necessary expenditure.

Other remarks of the *Times* indicate that the articles were published for the benefit of that portion of the working classes of England who contemplate emigration to this country. The present condition of labor in America is not calculated to induce emigration, but the condition of our neighbors must certainly be as bad, for the tide of emigration sets to these shores from England, Ireland and Canada, not to speak of the non-English sources of our supply. One of the most significant facts of the present increased emigration from English lands to this country is the rapid depopulation of the Canadian Dominion. We called attention more than a year ago to the fact that the Canadians were emigrating in great numbers to the wheat fields of Minnesota and Iowa. This emigration continued and increased until the Canadian Parliament was compelled to offer inducements of various kinds in order to put an end to the westward tendency of its subjects. But these have not sufficed, as the complaints loudly uttered by the Canadian papers indicate. "The newspapers," says a Quebec telegram of April 9, "are full of complaints on the subject of the French Canadians emigrating to the States. Notwithstanding the petitions presented to Parliament asking for encouragement to return, and the inducements held out to do so, the rural population is daily leaving in increased numbers." It will be observed that it is the rural population—the farmers—who find the attractions of the West greater than their own homes. It is also the rural population of Ireland and England who are wending their way hither; and for these we have room enough. And we doubt if any other country can offer to such emigrants as many substantial inducements as this much-taxed, largely-indebted and high-priced country.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER is about to present himself in a new *rôle* at the Brooklyn Athenæum on Monday evening, as chairman of a Free Trade meeting, under the auspices of the Free Trade League of that city. He will also speak on the true principles of legislation in matters of trade and finance. This is politics at any rate, if the Slavery question was not, and if the reverend gentleman shall prove as forcible on the new as he was on the old theme, he will have great weight on the side he espouses. As Rev. Dr. CHEEVER is on the list as an aspirant for the Mexican mission, and there is no law against ministers being on missions, it may be best that ministers generally, and BEECHER and CHEEVER especially, dip into the weightier subjects of National and State politics. The opinions, as well as the services, of able and honest men must do something to elucidate truth in connection with the vital themes that are hereafter to absorb universal attention.

Some persons spend money in making costly memorials of the dead in the Greenwoods and Mount Auburns. Mrs. EZRA SUTTON, of Peabody, Mass., has expended $60,000 in furnishing an apartment in the Peabody Institute of that place and filling it with books for a free library, to form a perpetual remembrance of her beloved lost child, EZRA DALE SUTTON. It is a beautiful and becoming way of gratifying the sentiment of sorrow for the dead, and will long keep his memory green in the world.

With tears streaming from his eyes, the Sheriff of the County of New-York lately presented himself before the Legislature and besought that something might be done to save him from the bitter pangs of poverty. In a voice, painfully broken by sobs, he made the surprising assertion that his official income last year was only a beggarly $9,800, and on so small a mintage it was impossible for him to support himself. The appeal thus presented was sufficient to have melted the most obdurate heart, and the Assembly (innocent, unsophisticated and sympathizing souls as they are!) promptly passed a bill which, should it become a law, will raise the sufferer from the hypothetical depths of pecuniary misery to the heights of affluence and prosperity before twelve months have waxed and waned. But knowing what is said of the enormous revenues of the Sheriff, the extortions and corruptions of his subordinates, the infamous overcharges in connection with fees, and the general disrepute of the office, the Assembly would have done itself more credit if it had asked for the evidence upon which the Sheriff bases his plea of poverty. There is good reason for believing that his minimum annual receipts under the present system are not less than $200,000. His predecessors in the position during the past twelve years retired with their pockets lined with rich fleecings, which ought to last them a lifetime. It is monstrously absurd to suppose that a man who is smart enough to secure his election to a place where the pickings are so fat could only appropriate $9,800 during a single year.

"Patience is a virtue." Why then be impatient and spoil things as Mr. Superintendent KENNEDY spoiled the arrest made by Officer PHELPS of the murderer from Rockland County, the other day. The credit of making the arrest was due to the officer named, and he got it, and there the matter would have remained had Mr. KENNEDY not made haste to claim too much credit—that of one successful patrolman against twenty unsuccessful private detectives. It seems now that the private detectives were not unsuccessful, as the arrest was the result of that very success the credit of which Mr. KENNEDY would rob them. Comparing the Metropolitan patrolmen with the Metropolitan detectives reminds one of *the fact* that the criminal convictions in our courts have been, with but few exceptions, of persons arrested by patrolmen. Why don't Mr. KENNEDY "let well enough alone?"

We hope Congress will authorize the President to send surveyors over the route of the Darien Canal, so long talked about. The French Emperor talks little; but he has already made a contract, through M. CHEVALIER, with the Government of Nicaragua for a canal through that State; and the Congress has ratified it. The Nicaraguans are confident the work will be done like the grand Egyptian thoroughfare. Meantime the Nicaraguan Congress has authorized the importation of Chinese coolies—which looks like business, the Celestials being great in the spade and shovelry of progress.

The late Prince TALLEYRAND had an idea that it is the destiny of our Republic to be intermeddling and overbearing in the affairs of Europe—in spite of WASHINGTON's advice. The *Gazette de Lausanne* records some of his expressions to that effect; and perhaps that halting politician was not so very far wrong. The Republic of Rome was one of the most terrible meddlers on record. Venice was another. The Romans thought they had a "mission." We think the same, and will probably be for letting the world know it—in time, and when we shall have got a power of ocean armadillos at easy command, and a population strong enough to go lightly under a mighty load of taxation.

We are not savagely disposed to break a velocipede upon the wheel, but it certainly is a very ridiculous kind of artifice. A man sits with his legs thrust out, and then works away with them in the attitude of one who means to go backward, making the forward result look very preposterous. Is it becoming for mankind to go about exposing their persons in that kicking and peddling fashion? It has not the stamp of human reason. As for the ladies—well, they may use it, if they like, being accustomed to have their stockings seen, and, in fact, drawing large and admiring audiences every night in the week by the same. But for men, the thing is too frolicsome. A man on a velocipede has not the solid and trustworthy look which all prudent citizens ought to have.

Belgium was always a ground to fight upon—or to fight about; and now France at one side, and Prussia at the other, threaten to try conclusions over her. They are jealous rivals, looking for her favors—railway favors—and for a closer walk with her in the way of customs-unions. Prussia demands a railroad from Cologne to Antwerp, for Prussians; and France looks for a road from Luxemburg to the Eastern frontier, for Frenchmen. The Belgian Cabinet opposes the latter concession, and NAPOLEON will probably insist upon it. They are likely to have a railroad controversy in Europe shortly, which will cast our "Erie war" into the shade.

Archbishop MANNING is generally managing to say something that opens the Anglican eyes to the many-sided wonders of Catholicity. The last utterance of the eminent prelate was at the pro-cathedral of Moorfields, a few weeks since, when he gave a mystical interpretation of the coming of Eve from Adam's side, and that of the Church (the bride of Christ) from the side of the crucified Jesus, which poured forth the blood of absolution and the water of the sacrament of baptism. But with regard to baptism, though the Archbishop held it to be indispensable to salvation, it might, he said, be administered in case of danger by *priest or layman, man or woman*, and by such baptism, validly administered, the child was brought into the unity of the one Church and under the care of the one Shepherd. How the idea of such a sacrament from the unconsecrated hands of a layman would horrify a good high-toned Ritualist in the English Protestant Church!

The *Galaxy* enters its protest, in the name of art, "against the style of *leg* that has been so largely exhibited on our stage during the last few years," by the ballet dancers of the spectacular drama. It makes a comparison between their forms and those of the models or ideals of the perfect female figure, which the genius of antique Greece left for everlasting study and admiration. "The contrast between the symmetry, grace and delicacy of the antique outline of the limb and the elephantine and licentious legs of the modern spectacular ballet dancer is as great as it well could be." The *Galaxy* holds up for contrast the outline and anatomy of certain popular stage "Mademoiselles," as seen when they are "stripped for the public dance," with the outline and anatomy of any antique Venus, or Diana, or Hebe, or Greek dancing girl, and adds that it "will at once be seen what caricatures of the perfect forms of ancient art are the shapes now displayed for our artistic admiration." This is pretty hard, certainly, as a comparison or contrast; but still we must agree with the *Galaxy*, that "if the exhibition of legs is to continue as one of the chief attractions of the modern stage, it would be well to get a supply characterized by symmetry, grace and delicacy, in place of those that nature or stuffing have swelled to unsouth and obnoxious proportions."

THEATRICAL.

Various Notes of Musical and Theatrical Element.

The amount of loud-lipped morality which has been utipped, both in this country and England, recently, against the dress—or rather the absence of it—in the ballets which have latterly been presented, brings to mind the fact that one or two very useless attempts were made some years ago, in Paris and Naples, to legislate the pretty dancers into decency; and each attempt resulted in a striking *fiasco*. When the "Biche au Bois" was produced in Paris, regardless of expense or modesty, a Police edict was issued, ordering that the *Biche* and her young friends must either wrap up more or get out of that wood. Possibly another strap and buckle might have been added next night—and that was not visible to the naked eye—but certainly nothing else, and the edict remained in abeyance, followed very soon, however, with the *début* of CORA PEARL as *Cupid*, dressed chiefly in a pair of blue boots and a diamond necklace. Much alike was the effort made in Naples before the revolution. The effort there was inaugurated by King BOMBA and his Queen, a very moral dame, who was so moral that she always made her son turn his back to the stage when the dancing was about to begin. Well, this modest royal couple ordered that the young ladies of the ballet at the San Carlo Theatre, the fashionable resort of the most dissolute society in Europe, be compelled to wear green trousers or "loose" tights, and at the end of the ballet sent them home, covered from head to foot in long cloaks, in hermetically sealed Sedan chairs, and under a military escort. Public feeling revolted at this "Moral law," however, and the very day "Francesco Secondo" granted the extorted Constitution to the revolutionists, all restrictions were removed from the ballet. We have a law on our own statute books authorising the arrest of any party for indecent exposure of person,—but popular veto seems to have killed it entirely.

Business keeps up to a gratifying point at the theatres. At the Grand Opera House Mr. TAYLEURE appears to have made the first pecuniary success on record with the "Tempest;" his receipts since the first night have averaged $1,100 for every performance. At Booth's Theatre "Romeo and Juliet" has been acted fifty-eight times, and the gross amount taken in during that period has reached nearly $65,000. "School" is likewise so prosperous at Wallack's that it will be kept upon the stage very probably until the last of May; then it will be followed by the comedy of "Caste," in which Miss KEYNOSS is to play the leading part, and Mr. FISHER that of *D'Alroy*. "Humpty Dumpty," to be sure, shows signs of the "fall" recorded in the nursery rhyme, but it don't seem to hurt him much—and he runs along with surprising spirit at the Olympic, as usual. Even Irish drama and its "only living representatives," Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS, have galvanized the expiring Broadway Theatre, while at Niblo's Garden the unblushing "Forty Thieves" rejoice and are merry to the sum of a thousand dollars a night. Miss MARRIOTT, however, has come to grief, and the lesser places of amusement seem to have lost some of their popularity. Tammany, with its gymnastic stars does well, nevertheless, and so does the Theatre Comique, at which Mr. LENGARD has sung "Captain Jinks" for nearly five hundred times, and the burlesque of "Pluto" has outrun all its rivals, and has seen the "Field of the Cloth of Gold" swept clear, and "Lucrecia Borgia" laid in her grave.

Miss MARRIOTT is to play six nights longer at Wood's Museum, and to-morrow evening appears in "Fabio."

Miss ELLEN HOLT is to make her reappearance at the Waverly next week. Mr. T. E. MORRIS is now sole manager of this diamond edition of theatres.

Two prophecies appear to have been fulfilled in regard to the New-York Theatre. A long time ago, when Dr. OSGOOD used to lecture his flocks in that temple, a college commencement took place there, for which OAKEY HALL, our present Mayor, then one of the collegians, wrote a dialogue, between the ghosts of the past and future; the young author himself represented the ghost of the future, and in the course of that spectre's prophecies occurred this couplet:

"Even in some future age
This pulpit may be a stage,"

on hearing which, Dr. PENNINGTON, who was of the audience assembled, met the future Mayor, afterward, and recalled the line, adding, (with a shake of the head,) "if that ever comes to pass, I hope it will be cursed." Mr. HALL's prophecy came true—has Dr. PENNINGTON's?

Mr. WILLIAMSON's benefit, which is set down for next Saturday evening, will be that admirable young actor's first personal appeal to the public. He has always done well with the parts intrusted to him, and done well by the public. We trust the public will do as well by him. A new version of "The Old Curiosity Shop" is to be played, and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS is to appear as *Margery* in the "Rough Diamond," with the beneficiary as *Cousin Joe*. Mr. COLEMAN is to play *Quilp* on the occasion, by permission of the management of the Waverly. The occasion will be the last night of the season at the Broadway, but the building will not be demolished, until Mr. FRAY, the treasurer; Mr. JACK, the "old man," and Mr. W. A. MOORE, the alert and well-known business manager of the theatre, have benefits.

The benefit for the widow and children of the late HUMPHREY BLAND, which has been gotten up under the influence of Mayor HALL, and at the suggestion and invitation of every manager in New-York, is fixed for Wednesday evening next. The French Theatre will be the scene of the testimonial, and the well-known drama of "Griffith Gaunt" will be produced with a unique cast. The announcement in full will be found in the regular column.

While upon the subject of benefits, which, by the way, have become quite a thing of the past in this City, it is interesting to note how the Boston public treats its favorites. We have already reported how Mr. FREDERIC ROBINSON was presented with a purse of $600 on the occasion of his recent benefit at Selwyn's Theatre, and a late mail brings information that Mr. STUART ROBSON was asked to burden himself with the custody of $600 in Government bonds, when he took his benefit the other evening. Miss KITTY BLANCHARD was not only buried in bouquets when she made her appeal, but was presented with two gold watches by different committees, and a gold chain. We trust these reports will not make our actors crazy to secure Boston engagements.

Still more:

A complimentary benefit is to be given to Mr. JOHN BROUGHAM, early in May, at the Academy of Music; and a similar testimonial is announced for Mr. NEIL BRYANT at the same place, on April 22. At the latter, Mr. DAN BRYANT will reappear in Irish drama.

The present novelty at Bryants' Minstrels is the performance of NELSE SEYMOUR as *Cupid!* A seven feet god of Love is really unique.

After quite a trying illness, Mr. LENGARD has reappeared at the Theatre Comique in his rich collection of personal caricatures; the "German Onion Vender" is the novelty, and both as a song and as a personation equals any of his previous performances. In his everyday clio Mayor HALL, Mr. A. T. STEWART and General LEE are presented. Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD PAUL are unclerlined for early appearance at the Theatre Comique. In June LENGARD goes to Boston—for seven weeks.

The coming week will be the last but one of the season at the New-York Circus. The little folks will take notice.

The announcements for the coming week at Tammany include the *début* in America of Mlle. TURNOUR, a female performer on the trapeze, who is fanciffully called "The Queen of the Air." The Manager of this lady wagers $1,000 that no man, woman or child, however talented they may be in gymnastic art, can accomplish, while near the ground and free from risk, the same marvelous and astounding feats of skill which Senorita CARLOTTA TURNOUR will perform at the Tammany Grand Theatre, while suspended at the dazzling and giddy height of the dome.

We quite undervalued Mr. JEFFERSON's services, the other morning, in stating his terms to be $2,500 per week. He has been engaged to play seven weeks at Booth's Theatre, beginning on the 2d of August, and is to receive $250 per night, sure, and a clear half division of the receipts of every *matinée*. Miss BATEMAN is to follow Mr. JEFFERSON, on equally pleasant terms.

Mlle. JANAUSCHEK is to continue another week at the Academy of Music. On Saturday next her farewell performance in New-York takes place.

JOHN E. OWENS was quite a sensation in San Francisco. Every seat in the theatre for his opening, was sold four days before the night of performance.

Miss KATE RANDS has played *Lady Audley* in Montreal.

The Richings Opera Troupe appear in Washington to-morrow night.

GRAU's troupe open in Philadelphia on the 14th inst.

A new building for concerts has been erected and opened in Baltimore under the name of St. Albans' Hall.

A burlesque on the WORRELL Sister performances has been produced in St. Louis, in which the leading characters are *Scopy, Ross* and *Shinny Wick*.

LUCILLE WESTERN's performance of *Nancy Sykes* caused quite a time in Salt Lake City. There was some severe preaching at different meeting-houses against it, and the speakers denounced the play in unmeasured terms, cautioning the people to absent themselves from the theatre if "Oliver Twist" was played, and particularly advised the youth of both sexes to keep away. The managers had to come out in a card, promising to withdraw the piece. The agitation against this performance may materially damage the engagement.

BRIGNOLI will be in Baltimore to-morrow.

"After Dark" has been brought out with "tremendous success" at the Boston Museum.

Dolly DAVENPORT lately had a fall and injured his spine. He is just recovering. "Dolly" has become a favorite on the Mississippi line.

Preaching takes place every Sunday in the Olympic Theatre, St. Louis. One minister who had the services in charge, has raised enough money from his weekly collections to build a church.

Theatricals Abroad.

The London *Times* gives the following sketch of local theatricals:

The managers this year seemed to regard Easter less as a holiday than as the starting point of a new period. Mr. HOLLINGSHEAD, of the Gaiety, so far, indeed, avoided the treatment of comedy, as a holiday spectacle than he brought out Mr. ROBERTSON's new piece; at the Strand respect is shown to tradition by the production of a new burlesque of the normal species, and at the Lyceum there is a short appendix to Dr. MACCOSH's play in the shape of a new extravaganza. Mr. F. B. CHATTERTON, of Drury Lane, if he does not regard ancient Paschal peculiarities, at least tries to make Easter look like Christmas, for he revives the pantomime of "Puss in Boots," which proved so popular on its first introduction. At Drury Lane the novelty (preceding the pantomime) is a drama, consisting of three acts and a "prologue," based by Mr. BAYLE BERNARD upon M. VICTOR HUGO's romance, *Les Miserables*. At the Queen's we have a comedy in three acts by Mr. TOM TAYLOR, entitled "Wanted by the Head." At the Globe, Mr. BYRON's comedy, "Cyril's Success," is which drawn to make room for a three-act drama by the same author, called "Minnie, or Leonard's Love." The new piece by Messrs. WILKIE COLLINS and FROSTER, the production of which has long been vaguely announced as an important event of the year, starts into visible existence at the Adelphi Theatre on Easter Monday. Mr. G. VINING, of the Princess', revives Mr. DION BOUCICAULT's "After Dark," that great "sensational" success of last Autumn; and at the Surrey, in addition to the enduring "Home Wreck," Mr. WATTS PHILLIPS' popular play, "Nobody's Child," is resuscitated. Four theatres are wholly unaffected by the season. These are the Prince of Wales', where Mr. ROBERTSON's "School" has attractive powers that do not yet approach the period of exhaustion; the Haymarket, where Mr. SOTHERN and Miss ADA CAVENDISH give vitality to the same author's "Home;" the Olympic, where the "Thirst of Gold" has been recently revived; and the Royalty, strong in its "Loving Cup," and its "Claude Duval." Astley's, long in the shade, reappears as a comedy theatre, with Mr. BOUCICAULT's "London Assurance" as its principal piece; and Mr. J. L. TOOLE commences an engagement at the National Standard.

The total receipts from the theatres, dancing-rooms, concerts, and other places of public amusement in Paris, in February, amounted to 1,947,066 francs, being a decrease of 244,545 francs on the previous month.

The first and second volumes of a *Histoire Universelle du Théâtre* have appeared in Paris. M. ALPHONSE ROYER, the author, has devoted fifteen years to this work, which, when completed, will be in five volumes. It recalls the *Histoire Universelle des Théâtres* which was published toward the close of the last century. The thirteen volumes of this work, which were all that appeared, carried the history of the French stage as far as the sixteenth century, and left that of all other countries untouched. M. ROYER has published some sketches of dramatic literature at different epochs, which, it is supposed, will be included in his present work.

TWITCHELL AND EATON.

Funeral of George S. Twitchell, Jr., in Philadelphia—An Awkward Mistake—Further Statements Made by Him Respecting the Murder.

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, April 10.

On Thursday evening the remains of GEORGE S. TWITCHELL, Jr., were removed from the cell in which he had sought refuge from the scaffold by taking his own life; but, by an unaccountable mistake, they were conveyed to the late residence of GERALD EATON, near the prison, on Tenth-street, below Washington-avenue. When the case in which they were inclosed was there opened, an exciting scene transpired on ascertaining that the blunder had been committed. The remains were immediately removed to the residence of Mrs. MOORE, No. 1,000 South Fourth-street, to be prepared for burial. The elder TWITCHELL married a sister of this lady when his son was about two years old, and it is said that the unhappy man entertained for this step-aunt a kindlier feeling than for any of his other relatives. During his imprisonment she was constant in her attentions to him, visiting him very frequently in his cell, and having confided to her ear by him all his hopes and fears and thoughts.

The body was very elaborately prepared for the final rites. It was clothed in a pure white shroud, and encased in an elegant coffin covered with black cloth and ornamented with silver mountings. Rich offerings of flowers had been made by his friends, and these were profusely strewn around and over the remains, imparting to them a look but little in keeping with the terrible scene of his death, on which no human eye had rested.

The funeral ceremonies commenced at 9:30 o'clock this morning, Rev. GEORGE BRINGHURST, whose name is now familiar throughout the country as the spiritual adviser of the deceased, conducting the religious services, both at the house and at the burial ground, according to the rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The only persons present were the father and brother of TWITCHELL, and a few of his near relatives. Mrs. TWITCHELL was not among the number. The most studied arrangements had been made to have the affair conducted with the utmost secrecy and privacy. But in spite of this, the people in the neighborhood had learned of the contemplated funeral, and an immense crowd had gathered about the house. A large force of Police were present, however, and by their assistance the eager and curious crowd was kept at bay.

The remains were taken for interment to the Union Burial Ground, at Sixth-street and Washington-avenue. The authorities would not consent to have the coffin placed in the receiving vault, so that it was necessary to inter the remains immediately after their arrival. All the way from the house to the place of burial a large throng of people lined the street and followed the remains to the burial ground, one or two squares from the house. TWITCHELL's faithful friend, MCCULLY, did not reach the house until after the funeral cortège had started. Informed of this fact, he made all haste to catch up with it, but in vain. Arriving at the burial ground the procession entered, and the gates were at once guarded by the Police, to keep out the intruding crowd. In a few minutes the whole affair was over, and the remains of GEORGE S. TWITCHELL, Jr., disappeared from the world.

TWITCHELL'S CONVERSATIONS WITH MRS. MOORE.

As stated above, Mrs. MOORE was frequently in the cell of TWITCHELL during his imprisonment, and he opened his mind freely to her. Only a day or two previous to the suicide the wretched man remarked to her: "It is hard that I have to die for this thing."

Mrs. MOORE then inquired of the prisoner: "How can you account for the blood that was found on your shirt?"

In answer to this inquiry TWITCHELL related to her the circumstances of the murder, in keeping with his so-called confession. He told her how he was aroused by his wife calling to him, how he went down into the dining-room, and was there told by her that she had quarreled with her mother and murdered her.

"My first impulse," he continued TWITCHELL, "was to alarm the neighbors, but my second impulse was to save my wife."

TWITCHELL then stated to Mrs. MOORE the circumstances attending the throwing of the body from the window, giving some facts which have not heretofore been made public. It appears that the window of the dining-room, in which the murder was committed, is not far above the pavement in the side yard. TWITCHELL asserted to Mrs. MOORE that he grasped the body of the murdered woman by the hair and shoulders, while his wife took hold of her feet. They then lowered the body to the window and rested it on the sill, in which position it was held by TWITCHELL, while his wife ran down stairs and out into the yard, immediately under the window. When she reached this position, TWITCHELL quickly lowered the body into the arms of his wife, by whom it was laid at length upon the pavement. In this way he accounted for the circumstance that the body, when found, was not thrown together, as it might have been if hurled violently from the window, but laid out in a straightened condition. TWITCHELL concluded his narration by saying that he supposed that the blood came upon his clothes by his having had hold of the murdered woman in the manner described by him.

Mrs. MOORE then inquired of him: "What became of CAMILLA's clothing? How was it that it was not bloody as yours?"

To this he responded: "That clothing was carried off."

Mrs. MOORE states that the last visit paid to TWITCHELL by his wife was on the evening of Friday, two weeks ago yesterday. On this occasion the husband said to the wife: "CAMILLA, some light must be thrown upon this murder!" She then expressed a dread of having any reporters present at the execution, and after that paid no further visits to the condemned man.

Eaton's Funeral—Throngs of People Surround the House and Accompany the Funeral Cortège.

From the same.

The funeral of GERALD EATON was attended with a little more pomp and ceremony. Dense crowds surrounded his former dwelling, the dwelling now of his wife, and the greatest excitement, though partially suppressed, prevailed. Not only the immediate vicinity of the house was thronged, but Tenth-street for a square southward from Washington-avenue. When the body was removed, at 9 o'clock last evening from the undertaking establishment to the late residence of EATON, a perfect jam of people were at the latter place awaiting its arrival. During the evening a "wake" was celebrated over the remains by the friends and relatives of EATON. They who were not privileged to enter the house and participate in the ceremonies, lingered and listened eagerly to the noise within. Early this morning the same crowds were present, though probably not in as great strength.

About 10:30 o'clock the hearse arrived, and shortly afterward the coffin was removed from the house and placed upon it. The coffin was a neat and handsome one, covered with black cloth, and bearing upon the lid the name of the person whose dead body it inclosed, as well as a large silver cross. Some fifteen carriages for the mourners moved up into line, and were speedily filled. The cortege then moved off down Tenth-street toward the Church of the Annunciation, some three or four squares away. Large multitudes followed the body to the church, the sidewalks presenting the appearance of a moving flood of people.

The church reached, the body was carried in and placed in the aisle. The solemn mass of requiem was then celebrated by Rev. FATHER CORAMANY, at the conclusion of which the body was given. The body was then again brought out, replaced in the hearse, and conveyed for burial to the Cathedral Cemetery, and there deposited in a vault. The majority of the crowd which had borne the remains from the house, did not continue their attendance on it as far as the cemetery.

EATON's wife appears very much broken down—sad and forlorn. His father-in-law likewise is very dejected, and unwilling to hold converse in the excess of his grief.

FATHER M'MAHON.

His Imprisonment in Toronto—Letter of Vice-President Colfax to Secretary Fish.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 15, 1869.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Vice-President of the United States, Washington City:

MY DEAR SIR: At the solicitation of some of my warm personal friends, and from an honest sense of duty to one of my fellow-beings, I am prompted to pen you a communication in the interest of Rev. Father MCMAHON, who, in June, 1867, (I think,) was arrested in Canada, at the time of the Fenian demonstration, and as a final result, the particulars of which are, no doubt, known to you, he lies in the dungeon at Toronto under a life sentence. The papers in this case are on file in Washington, and under the past Administration it seems that efforts in behalf of his liberation were unsuccessful, though the evidence shows that the nature of his business there was private. Knowing the goodness of your heart, I am sure that if the present Administration can do anything in the premises, that it will be a pleasure for you to give it your early, early, individual attention. I deem it necessary, therefore, simply to recall the case to your memory, knowing that if anything possible can be done, it will be done. Nothing that I can say as to the standing of Father MCMAHON could add to or take away from the reputation he has made for himself, of being a man of unblemished integrity, and an honest and upright citizen of Indiana. While your attention to this case will be gratefully acknowledged by the thousands who are the more intimate friends and relatives of the prisoner, it will be a special favor, and lasting kindness to your sincere and warm friend,

THOS. UNDERWOOD.

REPLY OF MR. COLFAX.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S CHAMBER, WASHINGTON, March 23, 1869.

Thos. Underwood, Esq., Lafayette, Indiana:

MY DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 15th has received prompt attention, and I have placed the case before the Secretary of State, and a copy of my communication to him I inclose.

Besides the within, I saw General GRANT personally on the subject of Father MCMAHON, and he said he would examine the case specially when the Secretary of State laid all the papers before him. Yours, very truly,

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

MR. COLFAX TO SECRETARY FISH.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S CHAMBER, WASHINGTON, March 18, 1869.

Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State:

DEAR SIR: In returning to you the inclosed letter of Thomas UNDERWOOD, Esq., of Lafayette, Ind., asking the interposition of the Government in favor of the release of Father MCMAHON, of Indiana, imprisoned at Toronto on a life sentence for alleged participation in the invasion of Canada, in 1867, I beg to state that the House of Representatives of the Fortieth Congress, on motion of his representative, Hon. G. S. ORTH, then and now a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, unanimously asked the same interposition of the last Administration. The position of the subject are doubtless still in your Department.

From my own knowledge I can indorse all that Mr. UNDERWOOD says as to Father MCMAHON's high character while a citizen of Indiana. Although convicted amidst the excitement which that invasion caused in Canada, his friends at home believe in the truth of his statement that he was not present in a military capacity at all. My recollection is that he claimed to be there only to administer the rites of his church.

Even though this may have been doubted by the Court and jury which tried and sentenced him, it appears probable, if an application were made to the British Government, on the grounds of humanity, for his release, it would not now be denied; and this opinion is strengthened by the recent discharge of many who had been convicted of participation in the troubles in Ireland.

I sincerely hope that you will feel at liberty to recommend to the President the application in Father MCMAHON's favor so earnestly desired by his friends. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

An Explanation.

NO. 9 AVENUE FRIEDLAND, PARIS, Monday, March 22, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My attention has been called to the following paragraph in a letter from your correspondent, dated Madrid, Feb. 10, 1869, published in your daily and subsequently in your weekly of the 2d inst.:

"American inventors are busy here pushing through their schemes for a share of the public contracts. General BERDAN has, I believe, got his secured, through the aid of Mr. HORATIO PERRY, Secretary to the United States Legation, who has been doing a handsome thing in this line of business. Would it not be well for some one to inquire at the State Department whether such pursuits are compatible with the functions of an American diplomatist?"

It is true that Mr. PERRY, with his thorough knowledge of the Spanish language and his great popularity with the present Government, rendered me valuable assistance in obtaining my reward for the use of my system of transformation and cartridge. So did Mr. HALE. But any insinuation that either of these gentlemen received from me any remuneration for their valuable services other than my grateful acknowledgments is entirely without foundation.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,
H. BERDAN.

The Rule of the Cuban Volunteers.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, April 10, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

By intelligence received from Havana, and proceeding from trustworthy and impartial parties, permit me to reduce to its true limits the incident that took place there on the evening of the 2d inst., caused by the arrest of an individual at Matanzas who was suspected of conspiring against the Government.

Said individual, whose name is D'ESPAU, notwithstanding his insignificant personal importance, had made himself obnoxious by an outspoken hostility toward the Spaniards. He was arrested. Witnesses, documents and antecedents were immediately examined by the Fiscal, or public accuser, appointed according to law, that he might be tried, but not finding sufficient grounds to bring him before the Court, he was discharged and transported to the Havana.

The Matanzas Volunteers, displeased at this proceeding, appointed a Commission, which went to make known by word their complaints to the Captain-General. He received them, and convinced by the reasons he gave for the action of the authorities, they returned to their residence, without resistance, and without any of those threats which some correspondents refer to.

All the Colonels of Volunteers, as soon as they were acquainted with the displeasure of the Matanzas troops, presented themselves spontaneously to the General and offered him their aid. Two of their number volunteered to go to Matanzas to dissipate, if necessary, every supposed motive for distrust amongst the Volunteers and inhabitants of said city, who continue awarding their full approval to the severe but decorous proceedings of General DULCE. The incident has had no further consequences.

F. F.

THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Annual Report of the New-York City Asylum—Interesting Facts and Figures.

This is the Asylum on Blackwell's Island, under the care of Dr. R. L. PARSONS. The report shows that, during the year 1867, he had to treat 1,580 patients, of whom 941 were women and 639 men. The total number discharged was 416, and the number of deaths was 128, leaving 1,035 patients in the hospital at the beginning of the current year. "This number," says Dr. PARSONS, "exceeds the accommodation of the Asylum by 440 patients." Of course, several patients must be confined in one room, and it is not long since we heard that one patient killed a room-mate there. Nine deaths from scurvy are reported, and we are informed that "in the middle of the Winter the ration of potatoes was very much reduced," and that "other vegetables were less freely provided than on previous years," which is a disgrace to the potatoes, or to those whose business it is to supply them. He adds that "roasted meats have not been furnished the patients, save in a few cases on extra orders." All of these evils are beyond Dr. PARSONS' control, and are deplored by him. There is a discrepancy, in one particular, between Dr. PARSONS' report and that of the Warden. The latter says, "Those of the males who are capable and willing (no compulsion being used under any circumstances) have been employed on the grounds, in the gardens," &c. Dr. PARSONS says, "In regard to physical and mental employment, the physician should carefully consider what is best adapted to the welfare of the patient, and then, without regard to the patient's wishes, enjoin and if practicable enforce a participation in such employment. What is at first performed under moral pressure is afterward regularly and cheerfully performed as a habit. The patient's usefulness is thus increased and his health and happiness promoted." This we take to be a satisfactorily accounted for on the hypothesis that, while the Warden is not permitted to compel a man to work for the benefit of the institution, the physician may compel him to occupy himself for his own benefit.

The cures were 41 per cent of the whole number treated. The fact of recovery in cases of insanity is so difficult to establish that every Superintendent has his own ideas on the subject. It is not likely, however, that the number of cures is ever underestimated, so that the smallest claim is probably nearest the truth. The statistics annually furnished on this point are much more valuable as indexes of the moral status of the Superintendent than as showing anything concerning the success of his treatment. It is therefore to Dr. PARSONS' credit that his percentage is somewhat below the average.

Among the pleasantest pages in the report are those in which the doctor acknowledges his obligations to the attendants who have charge of the patients. The actual treatment of patients is done by the attendants, just as the actual fighting in a battle is done by the common soldiers, only it requires far more tact and kindness and patience to make a good attendant than it does to make a soldier.

Dr. PARSONS says (he will pardon some condensation):

"To the attendants, on whom devolve the immediate care and supervision of patients, the Medical Superintendent of an asylum for the insane is peculiarly indebted for his success. It is not sufficient that they obey rules according to the letter; their bearing, the tone of voice, and the manner in which they carry out their instructions are all important, much more important indeed than the medicine administered or the treatment subjected. Hence it is that so much stress has been laid by Superintendents on the careful selection of attendants, with a view to their adaptation to the delicate and difficult duties to their charge. I have to say that attendants are so frequently discharged, not for any positive fault, not for any neglect, but simply because they are found wanting in the peculiar characteristics needed for the management of the insane. The duties of faithful attendants are difficult. They must be at their posts night and day; they have the insane for their constant associates, and are exposed to blows and to abusive language and unfounded complaints, which are a severe trial to their equanimity, inasmuch as the patient often seems to be actuated by malice quite as much as by disease. The friends of patients believe in unfounded complaints, to the great annoyance of the attendants; and the investigations rendered necessary by these complaints are a further source of discomfort. To those attendants who have faithfully endeavored to fulfill their trying duties the highest meed of praise is due, and is gladly accorded."

What is said here concerning the relation of confidence which ought to exist between the Superintendent and the attendants affords a light by which to consider the relation of the Superintendents to the powers over them and to the public generally. A great deal of visiting is done at lunatic hospitals by Committees of the Legislature, Boards of State charities, the Governor and other functionaries, besides the monthly or weekly inspection by the trustees of the institution. On this surveillance the public depends for the suppression of abuses; and if any abuse is suspected the Legislature appoints another visiting committee. Superintendents welcome these visits because they serve to qualify the extravagant prejudices of the outside world concerning such institutions. But the guarantee which they really afford against evil practices, is but the slightest.

They cannot come so suddenly as to prevent preparation if the Superintendent choose to make any. Patients likely to make charges could be confined or sent out riding. The visitors, not being experts, would soon be bewildered by the mass of falsehoods and insane delusions which patients would insist on their listening to; and if a little truth were mixed in, the visitor could no more detect it than he could a needle in a haystack. No possible amount of inspecting and inquiry, however carefully devised, can afford the inmates of insane asylums protection against heartless physicians. As it is with the attendant as with the Superintendent, the character of the man is the only real safeguard for those under his care. Thanks to those who appoint these officers, the Superintendents of lunatic hospitals are, as a class, remarkable for intelligence, tact, and benevolence. When people say that horrible deeds might be perpetrated in asylums, they speak within the truth, for the possibility of evil exceeds anything they would be likely to imagine; but when they say that such horrible deeds actually are perpetrated, the assertion is, in nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a thousand, founded on nothing, or on what amounts to little more, the stories of lunatics—the delusions of diseased brains.

Dr. PARSONS' recognition of the services of his subordinates indicates a state of affairs at the hospital on Blackwell's Island favorable to the interests of those who are cared for there. There are not many men whose love of the profession would last long in such a place. Among the 1,580 patients treated last year, 1,248 were foreigners, and a vast majority were uneducated, and therefore less interesting and more violent than the average of other American hospitals. And yet, if we may judge from his report, his duties are performed with more than ordinary thoroughness.

Workingmen's Union—The Painters' Strike.

A meeting of the Workingmen's Union took place last night at their headquarters, No. 267 Bowery, the President, Mr. JESSUP, being in the chair, and ALEXANDER TROUP Secretary. Mr. JESSUP said the object of the meeting was to sustain the painters in their present strike, and arouse a feeling in behalf of the demand made by them. Mr. CONNOLLY, of the Painters' Union, said that it had been the custom of his craft for years to set their scale of prices for each year on the first Monday in March. They had now worked successfully for eighteen months under the eight-hour rule, and this year had deferred arranging their scale a month later than usual. Now that they had arranged it, and raised their wages to $4 50 for eight hours' work, a combination of employers opposed them, and had leagued themselves with the employing masons to strengthen their position. Some had offered $4 50 for ten hours' work, some only $4, and several $3 75 for eight hours' by way of compromise. These terms had been declined, and the employers were holding out with the idea that the painters would be worn out. The question was, shall the painters win or are they to be a catspaw for the benefit of other organizations in the coming troubles this Spring. The painters desired that the Workingmen's Union would take action on the subject, and call a meeting on Friday next, at the Cooper Institute, in order to sustain the strike. In the mean time the painters would do their utmost to influence Congress with regard to the enforcement of the Eight-hour law in the navy-yards.

Mr. FISHER favored the call, and said that the bricklayers would attend in a body and pay their quota of the expense.

Mr. TROUP said that the Typographical Union would all turn out, and also pay their share.

Mr. JESSUP said that the Potters' Association, of Trenton, N. J., had 300 men locked out, and could not sustain them in the strike any longer. They asked aid from other organizations, and he would be happy to receive any contributions on their account. He had also received copies of an address by General MARTINDALE on Prison Labor before the Monroe County Workingmen's Association on the first of last month.

After this the meeting rambled off into an irrelevant discussion upon whether the last meeting of the Workingmen's Union had given sufficient force in their resolutions to the eight-hour question.

It was resolved that the Executive Committee of the Union should draft resolutions for the coming meeting at Cooper Institute, and that the next regular meeting of the Union, at No. 267 Bowery, should take place next Thursday.

Mr. CONNOLLY said that the Police Department was in the habit of detailing policemen to do the painting of the department instead of employing professional painters to do so. The Fire Department, he said, were doing the same, and he desired to bring it to the notice of the workingmen of the City.

VELOCIPEDE MATTERS.

An Exciting Race for a Thousand Dollars.

The New-York Velocipedrome was crowded with spectators last night, the occasion being an exciting race for $500 a side between two young riders, who were backed against each other in a mile race, distance eight times the circuit of the hall. It was after 9 o'clock before the course was cleared, and at 9:13 the two riders, mounted on Demarest machines, took their place for a start, being allowed about forty yards to get speed on before they crossed the judge's stand. Messrs. MCCAHILL and MEGSON acted as Judges, and Mr. MILLER as Referee and Time-keeper, and this time the judges had a stand to themselves, and a position whence they could see the riders round the course. The start was a very fair one, and the race promised to be exciting. The young riders were named ROBERTS and "CARNIVAL," the former being dressed in a red jockey cap, and the latter in dark colors. ROBERTS took the lead on the first circuit, riding at a very rapid rate, in fact, too rapid to last. Both turned the corners very skillfully, and for the first four circuits the contest was very exciting. On the fifth round ROBERTS' pace began to tell upon him, whereas "Carnival" had his machine well in hand, and was beginning to let himself out, and as he approached the end at the entrance, though he had the outside position, he overhauled his adversary in handsome style, and in passing the judge's stand led him by several lengths. He then began to ease up, seeing which ROBERTS put on a spurt, and seeing a space to get in on the inside of "Carnival," he took for it, though the rule of velocipede races is always to give your opponent *on the right hand*. "Carnival" saw him coming, and at once closed in to retain the inside position to which he was entitled; of course, in doing so, they came into collision, and both fell. Both stopped a few seconds, until told by the judges to remount and proceed, when outside parties assisted each rider into his seat, another infringement of a regular rule of velocipede racing, which is, that in cases of collision, except a foul, the riders must remount their machines themselves. "Carnival" managed to get started again first, and he thereby obtained such a decided lead that the other boy stood no chance of winning, and he finally came in the victor. An appeal was made by those who had bet on ROBERTS, but the judges promptly decided the race won by "Carnival." Had he stopped when run into by ROBERTS, he would have won on the foul.

After this contest there was a trial between a noted runner and a velocipedist. Mr. POOTS, of the Lyric Athletic Club, engaged to run twenty-five yards, without a preliminary start, quicker than Mr. DEMAREST could ride a velocipede the same distance with some twenty yards start. In the first trial the bicycle lead the pedestrian, but in the second trial POOTS beat the machine slightly, Mr. DEMAREST not riding as fast as on the first trial. This closed the sports of the evening.

We understand that an exhibition of French female riders is to take place on Monday night, in this city, in which the women are to be attired in tights, *à la* Black Crooks. We trust that this class of exhibitions are not going to be introduced here merely to gratify the prurient tastes of the sensualists, for if it is it will not only bring velocipeding into disrepute but lower the reputation of a public hall in which it takes place, and, in fact, kill it for any future patronage by reputable people.

Westward Emigration—The Excelsior Colony—Nebraska and Minnesota.

A meeting of the members of this colony was held last evening at their headquarters, No. 62 East Broadway. It is an association of mechanics, tradesmen, farmers and storekeepers, married and single, who, that they may better themselves, are moving west to Nebraska, where they intend to settle and form a town or village on the Government tract of land situated between the Republican and Little Blue River, as provided by the Homestead act.

Mr. LOUIS BOLLER, President, on opening the meeting, said it had been their intention to have started westward Saturday the 10th, and they would have done so but that, owing to the publicity given to their proposed location, speculators had forestalled them, and purchased land they had left it. Now it is determined to dispatch the first batch of some sixty families by the New-York and Erie Road, on Tuesday afternoon, keeping their destination a secret.

He then introduced Gov. MARSHALL, of Minnesota, who spoke of the wonderful resources and climate of his State, saying it was one of the healthiest climates in America; no local fevers, ague or disease of any kind; a fine grain country—300,000 acres producing last year 17,000,000 bushels of wheat. He also pronounced it a safe and rapidly growing country, and on the whole as fertile a State as the West may boast of. He next said there were 20,000,000 acres of Government lands which may be taken under the Homestead act, and spoke of the rapid increase in the value of property, because of the increase of population every year as another inducement for present colonists to settle there. He closed his address with a wish for the success of the colony. A vote of thanks was tendered him. This Association will meet again on Monday evening.

The Death of Hon. George Folsom.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Citizens' Savings' Bank of the City of New-York, held at the Bank on Thursday last, the death of Hon. GEORGE FOLSOM, President of the Board, who died at the City of Rome, while temporarily absent from the United States, was announced by the Vice-President, E. A. QUINTARD, Esq.

Remarks upon the character and services of the deceased, as a lawyer, a Senator, as Minister to Hague, and while on the Bench of the Court of Appeals, were made by JOHN W. PIERSON, Esq., and General DANIEL BUTTERFIELD, after which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Board has heard with deep regret of the death of Hon. GEORGE FOLSOM, who was the President of this Board from the time of its organization to the time of his death.

Resolved, That, in the death of Mr. FOLSOM, we deplore the loss of one who combined in his character the patriotic citizen, the style scholar and refined and kind-hearted Christian gentleman, and that this Bank loses a valued and trusted officer and true friend.

Resolved, That Mr. FOLSOM won the respect and esteem of his Board by the fidelity and fearlessness with which he discharged his duties as its President, as well as by the affable and courteous manner in which he presided at its meetings, bringing to the discharge of his duties his thorough knowledge of parliamentary law and the customs governing deliberative bodies.

Resolved, That we condole with the surviving members of the family of the deceased, and tender to them our sincere sympathy in their loss.

Resolved, That these resolutions be engrossed upon the minutes, and that an attested copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Funeral of Sir Edward Cunard.

The funeral of Sir EDWARD CUNARD, late agent of the steamer line which bears his name, took place yesterday morning at Grace Church, Broadway. The metallic coffin was bestrewed with immortelles, and, at the head, was a cushion, covered with violets, upon which stood a semblance of the British Crown in white flowers. Upon the coffin plate was inscribed:

Sir EDWARD CUNARD, Baronet,
Born Jan. 1, 1816; died April 6, 1869.

The pall-bearers were Mr. J. N. Archibald, British Consul, Henry P. Duncan, William Butler Duncan, Royal Phelps, Isaac Bell, Daniel Lord, Jr., William H. Aspinwall, Eugene Dutilh, August Belmont and John B. Gardner. Rev. Dr. Potter, Rector of Grace Church, read a portion of the funeral services, and subsequently completed them by the committal service in Trinity Churchyard, where the remains were immediately taken and interred in the vault of the McEvers family, to whom the wife of the deceased belonged. Within Trinity Churchyard are all of Sir Edward Cunard's children, except one, who is in England, and the surviving sons and daughters of Mr. Henry R

MONETARY AFFAIRS

Sales at the Stock Exchange—APRIL 10, 1869.

$10,000 U.S.6-20C.'67,c	120½	10 Bank Commerce	122
10,000 do.	120½	76 Gallatin N. Bk	102
20,000 do.	120½	5 Ocean Nat. Bank	100½
25,000 do.	120½	5 North N. Bk	79½
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	118½	100 Quick. Min. Com.	22½
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	117½	100 Mariposa Min.	19½
40,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	118	100 do.	19½
New	118½	10 Pacific Mail	79½
6,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	118½	25 do.	79½
20,000 do.	118½	24 Del. & Hud. Can.	132
20,000 U.S. 10-40 C.	105½	20 do.	132½
10,000 Tenn.6s, N.Issue	69	5 Wells, Fargo Ex.	57
1,000 Tenn. 6s, old iss.	68½	200 Lake Shore	97½
5,000 N. C. 6s, old	30½	300 Mil. & St. P.	76½
6,000 N. C. 6s, new	30½	100 Mil. & St. P.	76½
bds. call	28½	300 do.	76½
10,000 Ala. 5s, 2s, Ba.	92½	200 do.	76½
5,000 Ohio 6s, '72	102	65 Del., L. & W.	114
5,000 Erie 2d M.	89½	400 T. W. & W.	68½
4,000 O. & Miss. 1st M.	91	300 do.	68½
1,000 T. & W. Equip. B	73	26 New-Jersey Cen.	116½
5,000 C. & P. R. T. & P.		200 Morris & Essex	97½
R. E. 7s, '76	94	12 N.Y. W. Union	131
2,000 M. & St. P. 1st	90	50 Norwich & Wor.	104
6,000 Mor. & Ess. 1st c	109	100 Dub. & S. C.	116

SECOND BOARD—12½ P. M.

$11,500 U. S. 6s, '81, C. bds	118½	$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, R.	118½
11,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62	120	20,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	
1,000 do. c	120½	c.	118½
5,000 do.	120½	4,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40, R.	105
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C.,		20,000 U.S. 5s, 10-40 C.	105½
'65, new	113½	10,000 U.S. 6s Cur.	104
10,000 do.	113½		

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

80 American Ex.	40½	600 Ohio & Miss.	32½
100 Adams Ex.	58½	1160 do.	32½
100 Quicksilver	22½	400 do.	32½
100 do. c	22½	200 do.	32½
100 Mariposa Pf	28½	200 do.	32½
200 Canton Co.	60	200 do.	32½
100 Pacific Mail	80½	100 M. S. & N. I.	98½
100 do.	80½	100 do.	97
100 West. U. Tel. c	41½	200 do. c	98½
100 do. b3	41½	200 Clev. & Pitts. c	90½
200 do. c	41½	200 do.	90½
200 do.	41½	100 Lake Shore	97½
100 N. Y. Cen. c	163½	100 Chi., R.I. & P.	120½
100 do.	163½	100 do. b5	121
100 do. c	162	100 do. c	120½
200 do.	163½	100 do.	120½
100 Hudson b4	74½	200 do. c	120½
200 Harlem	139½	200 do.	120½
100 Reading	96½	300 Chic. & N. W.	84½
100 Pit. Ft. W. & C.	91½	100 do. c	84½
200 Mil. & St. P.	76½	200 do.	84½
300 do. b3	76½	1000 do. b30	85
100 do. c	76½	200 do.	84½
100 do.	76½	100 do. b4	84½
100 do. b10	76½	300 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	94½
200 do. c	76½	200 do. b5	94½
200 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	86½	200 do. c	94½
200 do. c	86½	200 do.	94½
200 Harlem	139½	200 do. c	94½
100 Reading	96½	200 do.	94½
100 Chi. & Alton c	155½	200 do. b4	94½
40 do.	156		

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$5,000 Tenn. 6s, new	68½	200 T. W. & W.	68½
5,000 N. Y. S. 6s, New	93½	100 do. b5	68½
5,000 do.	93½	100 do. c	68½
20 Wells-Fargo Ex.	31½	100 do.	68½
300 Amer. Ex.	40½	300 Mil. & St. P.	77½
100 Adams Express	58½	100 do.	77½
100 U. S. Ex.	58½	200 do.	77½
100 Quick. Min. Co.	22	200 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	86
100 do.	22½	500 do.	84½
100 Mar. Pf.	19½	200 Fort Wayne	131½
100 Pacific Mail	80½	100 Ohio & Miss.	32½
100 do. c	80½	200 do.	32
100 do. b10	80½	200 M. S. & N. I.	98½
100 do.	80½	100 do.	98½
200 West. U. Tel.	41½	300 Clev. & Pitts. c	90½
100 do. b10	41½	400 Chic., R. I. & P.	120½
100 do. c	41½	100 do. b5	121
200 New-York Cen.	162½	200 do.	120½
200 do. c	162½	1600 Chi. & N. W.	84
200 do. b5	162½	200 do. c	83½
200 do.	162½	100 do.	83½
200 do. c	162½	200 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	94½
200 do. b5	162½	200 do. c	94½
200 Harlem	139½	200 do.	94½
100 Reading	96½	200 do.	94½
100 Chi. & Alton c	155½	200 do. b4	94½
40 do.	156		

NEW NATIONAL BOARD—NOON.

100 Wells-Fargo Ex.	31½	200 Quicksilver	22½
100 do.	31½	100 West. U. T.	41½
100 Adams Express	58½	100 Mich. Southern	91½
100 do.	58½	100 Rock Island	130½
100 Mer. U. Ex.	16	1400 Erie	34
100 Amer. M. U. Ex.	41		

SATURDAY, April 10, P. M.

A close "corner" was made in the Gold market to-day and the price advanced to 133⅝ per cent. cash, and as much as ¾@½ per cent. demanded and allowed for the use of Gold until Monday. The movement was made the more successful on the part of the *Bull* interest in the Gold Room by the actual withdrawal of the Gold from deposit in the Bank of New-York and Gold Exchange Bank. The first of these Banks, since the Winter of 1864, has been a Specie depository for the Gold accounts of the Bankers in the Foreign Exchanges, and also for the Gold Brokers, charging a consideration of $1,000 per annum to each account for holding the deposit as special. The Gold Exchange Bank, is a concern of recent establishment, with a capital of $200,000, as a Clearing-house for all Gold transactions between the Bankers and Brokers in good standing, and also as a Bank of both general and special deposit. The arrangements for the "corner" to-day contemplated the withdrawal of the Gold from both concerns and thus placing it out of the reach of employment in the market altogether; the Money being provided to take it up. Under this sudden departure from the usual course of business, the smaller Bank, on the adjustment of its clearances at 1:30 P. M. had to pay out a considerable sum of the certified Gold Checks on the Bank of New-York, with its own indorsement, in place of the customary mutual exchange of checks after the close of Bank hours or on the following morning. These Checks being demanded, as for Gold Coin or Gold Notes, at an unusual hour, were not paid on the instant, the Teller of the Bank requiring time for an explanation of the proceeding, or to collect in his own Gold demands upon other Banks. This hesitation gave rise to a flurry of excitement on the Street, which gave rise to all sorts of reports prejudicial for a short time to the credit of both the Banks concerned, and also to threats or intimations of protest from the cornering party of the Gold speculation. But everything was paid by the close of Bank hours, and the Bank of New-York left with a balance of Gold on hand of about $650,000, while the Gold Exchange Bank people claim to have been justified in paying out Checks upon their neighbors because of the peculiar nature of the demand upon themselves at 1:30 o'clock. Their own obligations were all met before the close of Bank hours. The sequel is the development in favor of the cornering party, who are said to be tilting in some measure against the leading men of the Gold Exchange Bank, who are short of Gold, of a more decided scarcity of Gold for the use of the market than had previously been suspected. And what effect this discovery is to have on the Gold Room on Monday remains a question of interest to be solved by the experience of that day.

The cornering operation in Gold absorbed an extra amount of Currency balances on the Street, and the result upon other departments of the Stock Exchange was another active turn in Money, and extra rates of interest were paid for its use until Monday, equal to 10@12@14 ⅌ cent. per annum, and some extra commissions paid for carrying over stocks over and above these rates. The effect was not felt upon the Public Funds, while continued firm, while in the Railways the speculation was feverish, and for the greater part of the day somewhat depressed, as compared with Friday night's quotations. The Miscellaneous list was lower on Pacific Mail, but steady on Western Telegraph, and higher on Mariposa Preferred. The scarcity of Gold put almost a complete stop to the Foreign Exchanges, except in the way of settling credits between the Importers and Bankers, which was done on the basis of 109 ⅌ cent. for 60 days on London.

The bank movement of the week shows a loss of $2,820,229 on the general line of deposits, and a curtailment of $4,489,446 in loans and discounts. The Specie average on account of the confirmed large payments for Customs into the Treasury is $1,048,850 lower than last Monday, while there is a slight gain ($146,276) in Greenbacks. The Treasury receipts in Gold for Customs during the week amount to $2,720,796, and the prepayments of May interest $437,428.

No afternoon Stock Boards were held. In the Long Room and on the street the following quotations were made at 5 o'clock P. M. as compared with Friday night:

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s	106⅝	106⅝
United States 6-20s of 1862	120	120⅛
United States 5-20s of 1867	118⅝	118⅝
American Gold Coin	133	133⅛
Bills on London, 60 days	109	109
New Bonds of Tennessee	68	68⅝
Virginia Bonds, old	56⅝	56⅝
Missouri Bonds	87⅛	87⅛
North Carolina Bonds, new	35⅝	35⅝
New-York Central	163⅝	163⅝
Reading Railway	96⅝	96⅝
Chicago and Rock Island	130⅝	130⅝
Northwest Common	34⅝	34
Northwest Preferred	86⅝	86⅝
Michigan Southern	90⅝	90⅝
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne	131½	131½
Cleveland and Pittsburg	86⅝	86⅝
Pacific Mail Company	80⅝	80
St. Paul Preferred	85⅝	84⅝
St. Paul Common	75⅝	75
Toledo and Wabash	68⅝	68⅝
Ohio and Mississippi	32⅝	32
Mariposa Preferred	36⅝	36⅝
Lake Shore	97⅝	96⅝
Hudson River	147	145½

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6's cash, reg., 1881	115½	5-20 coup., '65, n. is.	113⅝
6's cent. coup., 1881	116½	5-20 reg., 1867	113⅝
5-20 reg., 1862	120½	5-20 coup., 1867	113⅝
5-20 coup., 1862	120½	10-40 reg	105⅛
5-20 coup., 1864	115	10-40 coup	105⅛
5-20 coup., 1865	117	6s Currency	108⅝

And the following for the State Bonds:

Ill. 6's c. c. '79, s.f.	100½	Louisiana 6s, levee bds.	70
Ill. 6's c. coupons, '77	100½	California 7s	104
Ill. 6's c. coupons, '79	100½	Connecticut 6s	100
Ill. War Loan	100½	Alabama 5s	65
Indiana 5's c.	97½	Alabama 8s	69½
Michigan 6's c., '72	100	N. Y. Dock Bds. Loan	106½
Michigan 6's c., '79	98	N. Y. Coupon B. Loan	106½
Tenn. 6s, ex cou.	67	N. Y. 6's c. Canal, '70	100
Tenn. 6s, new bds.	68½	N. Y. 6's c. Canal, '72	101½
Virginia 6s, ex cou.	56	N. Y. 6's c. Canal, '73	101½
Virginia 6s, new bds.	56	N. Y. 6's c. Canal, '74	101½
Georgia 6s	82	N. Y. 6's c. Canal, '75	101½
Georgia 7s, new bds.	82½	N. Y. 6's c. Canal, '77	101½
North Carolina 6s	36½	N. Y. 6's c. Canal, '78	101½
North Car. 6s, n. bds.	35	N. Y. 5's c. Canal, '71	100
Missouri 6s	87½	N. Y. 5's c. Canal, '74	100
So. C. R. 6s, 3s, Is.	69	N. Y. 5's c. Canal, '75	100
Louisiana 6s	70	N. Y. 5's c. Canal, '76	97

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	120	Hanover	110
Manhattan	140	Irving	109
Merchants'	120	Market	123
Mechanics'	122	Nassau	103
America	146	Shoe and Leather	135
Phenix	107½	Corn Exchange	120
National	109	Continental	99½
Seventh Ward	110	Imp. and Traders'	130
State of New-York	113	Park	116
Commerce	128	Central National	100
Ocean	105½	Fourth National	103
American Exchange	117½	North National	111
Chatham	130	Tenth National	97

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Estv.	97½	Morris & Essex 1st M.	100
N. Y. C. 6s, Subscrip.	95	Morris & Essex 2d M.	90
Erie 7s, 2d mat., 1863	89½	N. J. Cen. 1st M. c	97
Erie 7s, 4th int., 1868	89½	N. J. Cen. 2d M.	101
R., S. & P. 1st 7s, '77	87½	P. Ft. W. & C. 1st M.	101
H. & N. 1st M., 1868-70	100½	P. Ft. W. & C. 2d M.	86½
H. & N. 2d M. S. F. '66	102½	Clev. & P. 2d M.	90
H. & N. 2d M., 1876	99	Clev. & P. 3d M.	90
Harlem 1st M.	116	Clev. & P. 4th M.	74½
Mich. C. 8's c. '82-'72	113	Chi. & Alton S. F.	90
Mich. C. 1st M 8s, '82	114	Chi. & Alton 1st M.	101
Mich. S. & N. I. 1st M.	92½	Chi. & Alton inc.	50
M. S. & N. I. S. F. 7's	90	Ohio & Miss. Con.	61
Chi. & N. W. 1st bds.	91	Dub. & Sioux C. 1st M.	90
Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	90½	Mil. & St. P. 1st M. 8s	101½
Chi. & N. W. 2d M.	80	Mil. & St. P. 1st 7.3-10	90
Han. & St. Jo. Conv.	110	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	90
Del., L. & W. 2d M.	91	Mil. & St. P. L. & M. d.	86
Tol. & W. Equip. bds.	78	Chi. & Mil. 1st M.	89
Tol., P. & W. o. o. 87 c.	79½	Pacific Trustees Cer.	65
Gt. West'n 1st M. '68	101	Am. D'k & Imp'mt bds	93½
Gt. West'n 1st M. '88	87½	Western Union bonds	85
Gt. West'n 2d M. '93	73	Tol. Peoria & W., 2s, D.	62
Gal. & Chi. extended	95	Buffalo & Erie, 2s, b.	50
Chi. & R. I. 1st M.	90	Iron Mountain bonds	81½
Chi. R. I. & P.	93½		

The day's business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, $915,097; total payments, $480,055; balance, $89,735,195. The receipts include for Customs, $261,000; for Gold Notes, $42,000.

Report of Specie exported from the port of New-York, for the week ending April 10, 1869:

April 5—Brig *Isabella*, Para—American Gold	$10,250
April 6—Steamship *Saxonia*, Hamburg—Mexican Dollars	12,800
April 8—Steamship *Morro Castle*, Havana—Spanish Gold	226,280
April 9—Schooner *Keokuk*, Arroyo—American Silver	5,000
April 9—Brig *H. H. Seavey*, Ponce—American Gold	10,000
April 10—Steamship *Alaska*, Aspinwall, American Silver	27,625
April 10—Steamship *City of London*, Liverpool—British Gold	14,620
April 10—Schooner *Adelaide*, Barbadoes—American Gold	10,000
Total	$316,550

The Imports (other than Dry Goods and Specie) at the Port of New-York from Foreign Ports for the week ending April 9, 1869, were $6,823,865.

The earnings of the Chicago and Alton Railroad for the years ending Dec. 31, 1867 and 1868, as reported by the *American Railroad Journal*, were as follows:

	1867.	1868.
From passengers	$1,320,708 96	$1,205,570 16
From freight	2,420,008 20	2,053,029 39
From express companies	154,026 62	127,230 65
From United States mail	82,262 50	67,793 60
From miscellaneous	62,747 14	74,398 81
Total	$3,982,661 42	$4,528,022 17
Expenses, viz:		
Conducting transportation	$477,298 95	$501,191 72
Motive power	656,942 27	757,156 04
Maintenance of way	410,276 95	413,350 23
Maintenance of cars	196,206 61	222,927 01
Taxes	112,108 86	111,125 27
General expenses	92,336 00	97,423 41
Total	$2,145,129 08	$2,403,182 04
Net earnings	$1,748,782 42	$2,045,400 33
Add balance to credit of income account, Dec. 31, 1867		924,363 28
Total to be accounted for		$2,969,812 61
Disbursed as follows:		
Payments to sinking fund		$42,000 00
Dividend, March, 1868, 5 per cent., and U. S. tax		351,993 42
Dividend, September, 1868, 5 per cent., and U. S. tax		368,013 78
Interest on income bonds		76,000 00
Interest on sinking fund bonds		30,345 00
Interest on 1st mortgage bonds		165,610 00
U. S. tax on sinking fund payments		2,100 00
Rent paid Joliet and Chicago Railroad Co.		162,049 97
Rent paid St. Louis, Jacksonville and Chicago Railroad Co., 7 months		140,000 00
Improvements in 1868, paid from earnings		635,700 07
Surplus, December 31, 1868		994,607 37
Total as above		$2,969,812 61

The capital stock and funded debt of the corporation at the close of the past and preceding years compared as follows:

	1867.	1868.
Capital stock	$5,826,200	$5,141,200
Common	2,485,000	2,425,400
Preferred		
Totals	$8,311,200	$7,576,600
Bonded debt:		
Sinking fund bonds	$444,000	$402,000
First mortgage bonds	2,400,000	2,400,000
Income bonds	1,100,000	1,100,000
Totals	$3,944,000	$3,902,000

The amount expended in improvements in 1868, was $1,776,029 37—of which $990,878 30 was paid from proceeds of capital stock sold, and the balance, $635,700 07, charged to income account, as above.

The officers are as follows:

President pro tem.—John Crerar.

Directors—Wm. F. Weld, John A. Stewart, Peyton R. Chandler, term of service expires first Monday in April, 1869. John Crerar, Lorenzo Blackstone, John J. Mitchell, term of service expires first Monday in April, 1870. T. B. Blackstone, James G. Gerner, John R. Drake, term of service expires first Monday in April, 1871.

Secretary and Treasurer—W. M. Larrabee.

General Superintendent—J. C. McMullin.

Chief Engineer—E. F. Booth.

The Philadelphia *North American* of this morning says of the Coal Trade of the week:

The market has stiffened up very much since our last report. Coal having advanced from 30c.@40c. ⅌ ton at the mines.

This advance has been chiefly, in fact almost solely, caused by the belief that a strike is inevitable, probably at no very distant day, and which has naturally created a universal desire to accumulate sufficient supplies to insure against want during the period of suspension. The New-York and Eastern markets have not fully sympathized in this feeling, but are rapidly doing so.

The shipments both to and from Port Richmond have increased.

The following are the current rates of freight from Port Richmond for the week ending April 9:

Bangor	$2 50	Worrell	$2 00
Portland	2 50	Middletown	2 00
Boston	2 50	New-Haven	1 75
Chelsea	2 50	Norwalk	1 75
Lynn and discharging	2 50	Stamford	1 75
New-Bedford	3 00	New-York	$1 50@1 25
Rockport	2 65	Williamsburg	1 25
Somerset	2 00	Hackensack	1 60
Appenaug	2 00	Georgetown	1 15
Newport	2 00	Washington	1 15
Providence	2 00	Norfolk	1 00

Sudden Death of a Woman of Ill-Repute—Intemperance Declared to be the Cause of Death.

MARGARET REDDEN, a native of Ireland, aged 45 years, has been for several years known to the Eighth Ward Police and others as the proprietress of a house of ill-fame at No. 33 West Houston-street. MARGARET had of late become addicted to excessive dissipation, and this led to frequent quarrels between her and JOHN MCMAHON, formerly an *attaché* of the Croton Board, with whom she was living on intimate terms. One of these ebullitions of temper and bad rum resulted in MCMAHON being arraigned before one of the magistrates at Jefferson Market, on the complaint of MARGARET, who accused him of having assaulted her, though she failed to prosecute. The continued use of liquor, however, resulted in illness, and the woman placed herself under medical treatment, which did not avail, as she died late on Friday night. Dr. DOWNES, who had attended the deceased in her illness, declined to give a certificate, on the ground that both the eyes were terribly swollen and discolored, and that there was evidence of other violence. The physician notified Captain MILLS, who sent for Coroner ROLLINS, having placed an officer in charge of the premises where the deceased resided.

When the Coroner held his inquest JOHN MCMAHON testified that deceased had been an excessive drinker for over three years, and for several months past she had not been sober. On Thursday she came to his bedside and spoke in his ear, when he retorted by striking her in the face with his fist. At 10 o'clock on Friday night deceased sent for him and asked him to be a witness to her will, which she made verbally. She left her property, about $5,000 in cash, to the children of her nieces.

Henry S. Downes, M. D., also testified that he was called to see Margaret on Thursday, and found one of her eyes closed and discolored, and a contusion on the back of her head; she told him that McMahon, who she called her husband, had struck, and had threatened her with a knife; as the patient was under the influence of liquor at the time he treated her according. When he called again the woman was in a similar condition, the right eye being also closed and discolored, the swelling extending down the face to the neck.

Henry McMahon, neither to the court nor witnesses, was also examined, and stated that he had often seen Margaret intoxicated, and that a few weeks ago she fell down stairs while she was confined to her bed the last time of her life, and had requested him to go for liquor, and he had refused.

In the mean time Drs. JOHN HEACK and THOS. C. FINNELL had made a post-mortem examination, and they stated that they had found nearly all of the internal organs in a diseased condition, and traces of excessive use of alcoholic liquors. In their opinion, death had been caused by heart disease, accelerated by dissipation. The jury so rendered a verdict, and suspicion of foul play on the part of MCMAHON was removed.

Frightful Tragedy in Minnesota—An Insane Man Murders His Wife and Four Children.

A dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., to the Chicago Times gives the details of the horrible murders which were committed on Wednesday morning in Oakdale township, ten miles from St. Paul. A farmer named JAMES B. GREY, well known in that section, in a fit of insanity killed his wife and four children, the latter consisting of two boys, aged eighteen and eight, and two girls aged five and three years. The murderer was about forty years old, a large and powerfully-built man, and has many relatives in the neighborhood. He has lately been suffering from deafness, and grew insane over it. The deed was committed about daylight. The neighbors heard Mrs. GREY scream, and going to the house, found the wife and four children cut to pieces with an ax, and the murderer endeavoring to hang himself.

He was arrested and lodged in the St. Paul Jail, where it required three or four men to hold him. In answer to inquiries he would only reply, "I killed them all with an ax. Oh, hang me!" The wife was murdered first, being cut in the head and stabbed several times. The children were then murdered and placed in a row on the floor, their throats so badly cut as nearly to sever the heads from the body.

The murderer had evidently chopped their heads with an ax, mutilating them so as to render recognition almost impossible. The prisoner, at intervals of the paroxysms of maniacal fury, made a statement detailing the particulars of the murder. He says his motive was that he feared he was coming to poverty and the family would be left destitute, and so thought it would be better to send them to Heaven at once. The prisoner tried to beat his brains out several times by jumping against the sides of his cell.

The Rhode Island Senate will contain 26 Republicans and 1 Democrats; the House, 89 Republicans and 15 Democrats. The Providence *Herald* says that the Democracy have gained some members, "but not so many as to arouse either any great degree of pride or very high hopes of materially improving the low political standard which has for some years past characterized the General Assembly."

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FORTY-TWO LOTS on the block bounded by FULTON-AV. and JEFFERSON-AV. and REID-AV., will be sold on TUESDAY, April 13, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, New-York, by Wyckoff & Little, auctioneers.

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FOR SALE—ON LAKE MOHEGAN, WEST-chester County, four miles from Peekskill, nine miles south of Lake Mahopac and adjoining the residence of G. Merle Smith, Esq., of Brooklyn, large Swiss cottage, containing 11 rooms, kitchen, laundry, hot and cold water, bath room, &c.; carriage-house with five stalls and three finished rooms for servants; ice-house filled. On the lake there is a dock, 114 and bath-house; grounds, which consist of 7½ acres, are tastefully laid out, with every variety of shrubbery, ornamental and fruit trees, and commands an extended view of the mountain scenery and lake; stone-filled walls of excellent water; also, the furniture if desired; possession given immediately. For price, permit and viewing, apply to F. C. HARMON, No. 171 Broadway, or E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—ON THE LINE OF THE NEW-Jersey Central Railroad, 8 miles from New-York; seven trains each way daily, 14 miles from Bound-brook Depot, a very desirable country place, containing eight acres of choice land, plenty of fruit, a good orchard of choice apples, and a young orchard of 200 of choice apples and pears; plenty of small fruit; house, carriage-house, barn, farmer's dwelling, &c., all frame, in good order; under trained Boston first-class; on the turnpike road leading from Bound-brook to New-Brunswick and fronting on the Raritan River; free from mosquitoes and perfectly healthy. Price, including tools, wagon, &c., $4,000. Inquire of C. J. FISHER, No. 222 Washington-av., Brooklyn, or No. 60 South-st., corner Wall, New-York.

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Also two cottage houses, beautifully finished and very convenient for small families, near the depot; rent very cheap. Inquire of the owner at Englewood, Bergen Neighborhood, N. J., or at his office, No. 2 Cortlandt-st., New-York. S. N. MARSH.

FOR SALE,—PAYABLE BY INSTALLMENTS OR OTHERWISE.—Well-located lots in Westchester County, near Harlem River; Harlem Railroad Depot, and only 1½ miles from the Central Park; accessible at all times during the day by four different routes, and every quarter hour all night. A desirable opportunity for one of moderate means to invest in real estate, which offers the greater inducements than any savings bank. Apply to W. E. Rides, No. 51 Broad-st., or at the office of Rider & Conkling, near Harlem Railroad Depot, Mott Haven.

AT NTACK ON THE HUDSON—A DELIghtful residence, containing 14 rooms, with every modern improvement, ornamental and ornamental land and River view; barn, stable, carriage-house, &c.; two acres, handsomely improved; fruit and shade in abundance; the owner being desirous of realizing, will sell for cash the entire property, including handsome furniture, horses, carriages, sleigh, harness, garden implements, &c., for the low price of $20,000. JOSEPH MASON, No. 37 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—AT ROSELLE, N. J., ONE HOUR from City Hall, two miles beyond Elizabeth, on the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, a first-class village residence, two-story and Mansard roof, (new,) built by day's work in the best manner; has range and furnace, water-closets, stationary tubs, 3 rooms, dressing and bath, large open attic, cellar under whole house, with half acre of ground; an additional half acre on each side of house, making an acre and a half plot, one-half of it fruitful. For further particulars, apply to A. M. PENTZ, No. 42 Pine-st.

AT BAY SIDE, ON LITTLE NECK Bay, L. I.—House and five acres of ground, well fruited; house with all the modern conveniences, gas and water throughout, furnace, &c.; carriage-house, hook-house, and other outbuildings, all in good order; being a most desirable residence for Winter and Summer; within a short distance of the City by railroad; cheap, cash or terms easy. Apply to LAWRENCE & OAKLEY, No. 11 Pine-st., JOS. B. PARSONS, No. 70 Cedar-st., or WOODWARD, LAWRENCE & CO., No. 314 Broadway.

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TO LET—AT SUMMIT, N. J., 1½ HOURS from New-York, a dwelling-house containing 11 rooms, with stable and nearly half acre land, near railway station; rent $700; possession immediately. Apply to J. EDGAR, No. 9 Nassau-st., New-York, or WM. LITTELL at Summit.

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FURNISHED COUNTRY RESIDENCE TO LET—In Newark, N. J., beautifully situated overlooking the town and Long Island Sound; one of the most healthy locations in New-England; plenty of ground; terms reasonable. Address Box No. 271 Post Office, Newark, Conn.

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TO LET—ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, MIDdle between Wall-st. and Fulton Ferries, in view of the Bay, a very desirable first-class furnished house for six months. Apply at No. 64 Columbia-st. before 9 A. M. or after 6 P. M., or at No. 280 Broadway, New-York, office of Home Life Insurance Company.

TO LET—FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, the elegant white-stone basement house No. 18 St. Mark's-place, for many years the residence of a well-known physician; has twenty rooms and modern improvements. Apply to J. A. BUTHVEN, No. 38 Nassau-st.

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TO LET—AT PATERSON, N. J., A LARGE three-story dwelling, with stable and carriage house, with ten acres of land; hot and cold water through the house, with bath-room; fruit trees, and other shrubbery ornamental; a good stable; and about three acres of lawn with the house; situate on Yonkers-av., opposite the depot; rent, $1,000 per year. For particulars, inquire of JOHN J. BROWN, First National Bank, PATERSON, April 5, 1869.

TO LET—ELEGANT SUBURBAN MANSION; to be rent either for the Summer or one year; furnished or unfurnished; situated on Clifton ferry, Staten Island; a first-class house, in the Italian style, with modern improvements; 14 rooms and good cellar; one acre of ground; house only 1½ miles from the depot; and strictly healthy; house but 3 years old; rent very reasonable; inquire on the premises, or of C. S. HUNTOON, No. 16 Chambers-st.

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AT NEWARK—THREE NEW COTTAGES, 10 minutes' walk from Erie City, 1 Clinton-av.; high, healthy, splendid view, one acre land, every variety of fruit and shrubbery; French slate roof, twelve rooms, every modern convenience; surrounded by cottages; city cars pass everywhere. All at reduced prices if sold in few days. Apply to PESHINE, No. 20 Beaver-st., New-York, or at No. 672 Broad-st., Newark.

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TO LET—AT CAZENOVIA, N. Y., A BEAUtiful summer residence, having two parlors, dining-room, seven bedrooms, servants' rooms, ice-house filled, large barn, garden and five acres, for two years; rent $150 per year; cheap for the use of the City. COGSWELL, No. 34 Wall-st., or by mail to J. G. VAN RENSSELAER.

TO LET—AT NEW-ROCHELLE, A FINE house, handsomely located on the corner of Winyah-av. and White Plains road, (opposite the residence of George G. Sickles,) containing twelve rooms; also one house, containing eight rooms, stable for a small family. Apply to J. P. ROBINSON, New-Rochelle.

BROOKLYN.—TO LET—NO. 234 WASHINGton-st., near Johnson, three-story brick, all improvements, and within five minutes of three ferries; rent $600, payable quarterly in advance. Can be seen from 9 to 3 P. M., or inquire of the owner, at No. 239 Broadway, New-York, during the day. Would sell for $6,000, cash, balance on mortgage.

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TO RENT—A THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP brown-stone house, in a row of ten brown-stone houses, delightfully situated on the north side of 76th-st., one block east of the Park; lot 102 feet deep. RICHARD WILLIAMSON, President Bull's Head Bank.

TO LET—AT MORRISANIA, THREE-STORY and cellar house; three-quarters acre of land; one half minute's walk from depot; rent $40 per month; immediate possession. Also, two and a half-story cottages on 4th-st.; one minute from depot; rent $25. WM. H. RAYNOR, No. 6 Pine-st.

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TO LET—AT LOW RENT, FURNISHED OR unfurnished, a four-story brown-stone house in 35th-st., near Park-av., a private family.

VAN ZANDT BROS., 1 Pine-st., 10 Broadway.

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TO LET—TWO HOUSES ON NORTH SIDE of 10th-st., about 100 feet east of Broadway; fine neighborhood for business. Apply to M. DIFFENDORF, No. 14 Wall-st.

TO LET—A FOUR-STORY BRICK HOUSE, West 19th-st.; has furnace and all modern conveniences, gas fixtures, &c.; good neighborhood; rent $1,400. SMITH & MEAD, No. 460 9th-av.

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TO LET—FOUR CORNER BASEMENTS well located on good business streets in New-York and Brooklyn; first-class locations for trunk-makers, &c. Apply to JOHN NOBLE, No. 315 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, up stairs.

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WAREHOUSES TO LET OR LEASE.—The warehouses Nos. 128 and 134 Greenwich-st. Apply to COUDERT BROTHERS, No. 46 Wall-st.

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STEAM POWER TO LET—STEADY, cost low prices; fine light; 36 No. 114 Cliff-st. Apply at No. 116 Cliff-st.

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OFFICES TO LET—IN THE BIBLE House, Astor-place; three offices on third floor. Apply at Treasurer's office, 4th-av. entrance.

TO LET—TWO STORES, NO. 60 FULTON-ST., together or separate; also a second loft and an office.

THREE LOFTS TO LET—FREDERICK STEVENS, No. 9 Cortlandt-st., New-York.

STORE TO LET—NO. 6 BLEECKER-ST., near Broadway. Apply on the premises.

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A GENTLEMAN DESIRES TO LEASE of a private family a furnished sitting-room and bed-room, or one large room; the house must be in the vicinity of 14th-st. and 2d-av. or 3d-av.; if suited, would take them for a year. Address, stating location, terms, &c., T. P. O., Box 4,063 New-York Post Office.

A FAMILY OF FOUR ADULTS WISH to secure from May 1, and of a private family, part of a house or lodgings, consisting of a first-class neighborhood is required. Address, stating terms and full particulars, M. F., Studio Building, No. 51 West 10th-st.

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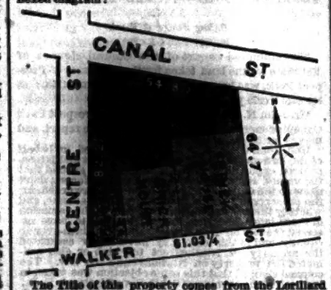

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The well-known property at Plainfield, Union County, N. J., comprising about 150 villa sites and building plots of beautiful land in the finest part of Plainfield, situate on 4th and 5th sts., and on Clinton and Leighton

ALBANY.

The Broadway Railroad Bill Grilled to a Third Reading.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Saturday, April 10, 1869.

The villanous Broadway Railroad scheme was to-day consummated in the Senate, according to prearrangement, and all the principal streets of New-York were given over to the control of forty or fifty men, the large majority of whom were never seen or heard of by one in a thousand of the citizens of that City. Every amendment offered in Committee of the Whole to protect the people from this gigantic robbery was immediately voted down, and the bill was ordered to a third reading with the same indecent haste that has characterized its progress from the time it first saw the light yesterday morning.

The bill will pass on Monday evening, and will then go to the Assembly, where there are a majority of twenty-two Republican members, and it will then be seen whether a bill that is denounced by every honest man in the State as the most corrupt and shameless job ever introduced into the Legislature, shall receive the sanction of those who are to be held responsible for the acts done here this session.

As soon as the bill was out of the Committee of the Whole, Mr. O'DONNELL renewed the various amendments offered by him in Committee of the Whole, (see Associated Press report,) and all were voted down by votes ranging from 7 to 13 in the affirmative and 17 to 20 in the negative.

Mr. PARKER moved to amend so that the fourth section shall not allow roads to be built upon all the existing stage routes of the City.

"I hesitate to offer this amendment," he said, "as the representatives claim that this is a little local affair which Senators from the rural districts should not interfere with. I am a little embarrassed by a further consideration. Last year Senators will recollect that I was one of those who had confidence in and supported the Arcade Railway bill. I had faith in it, and I believe to-day, if it could be built and operated it would be a measure for the great relief of the City; but I doubt very much whether that can become a law. I was advised and solicited by gentlemen from the City, for whom I have great respect, not to oppose the positions and views of its local representatives, who were almost, and I think quite unanimously, opposed to the Arcade Railroad. They said: 'We have sent these gentlemen to represent us, and it is wrong for you from the distant parts of the State to oppose the will and judgment of our local representatives.' This I had from the highest authority in the City of New-York, and the same high authorities who are opposed to this Broadway bill. Therefore I find the reasons of this year somewhat trammeled by the arguments of last year, and I hesitate a little about making this amendment. Still, I take the liberty, notwithstanding both embarrassments. I think this is a new clause in a Broadway surface bill. I was not here to see Broadway when it first came into this Senate with its youthful beauty and its modesty, if ever it had any, but I saw it afterward, when it had reached its middle age, aye, when its odors were somewhat faded, when its character was somewhat tainted, when its reputation became somewhat extended over the State. That was in 1854. Several years have passed since. I see it return again. The blush that then perhaps existed upon its cheek has passed away or changed to paint; the modesty, if it ever had any, does not now exist; the reputation, if it had any then, has passed into that condition where it becomes notoriety and ceases to be reputation, and its character, if it ever possessed any, is utterly gone. I do not wish to oppose this matter with any asperity. It is entirely useless to rush into personal contests and struggles over a matter of this kind. Senators who support this bill have a right to claim and insist that they are representing their locality, and that their motives are not to be impugned. I shall not impugn or attack them. I speak of the bill as it seems to me, perhaps from prejudice, at another time, and without being particularly familiar with the present wants of the City; but it seems to me that the bill in its present shape ought not to be ordered to a third reading, and that the amendment proposed would, if adopted, materially improve it."

The motion was lost—14 to 15.

Mr. MORGAN renewed his various amendments, but they were lost by votes similar to those cast on the amendments previously offered.

Mr. FOLGER renewed his amendment, with the following result:

YEAS—Messrs. Campbell, Crowley, Edwards, Fogg, Kennedy, Morgan, Murphy, Nichols, O'Donnell, Palmer, Parker, Thayer—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Banks, Beach, Bradley, Cauldwell, Chapman, Creamer, Genet, Graham, Hubbard, Humphrey, Mattoon, Morris, Nicks, Norton, Pierce, Tweed, Van Fetten, Williams—18.

Mr. FOLGER moved to amend so as to make the Company a corporation. Lost—14 to 15.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

UNDERGROUND TRANSIT.

The Brooklyn Underground Steam Transit Railroad was ordered to a third reading, after a threat by Mr. JACOBS to make a terrible revolution in case the above was attempted. The thing was done, however, and Mr. JACOBS failed to some to time. The trouble seemed to be that the gentlemen had no finger in this important pie.

GENERAL MATTERS.

The bill to extend the track of the Avenue C Railroad was ordered to a third reading in Committee of the Whole, Mr. IRVING in the chair.

An act to provide for underground transportation in the City of New-York, and to authorize the organization of a railroad corporation therefor, passed to a third reading. This road is to begin at the Battery and run up to Fifty-ninth-street. Its ramifications are too extensive to give in detail. S.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.....ALBANY, Saturday, April 10.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

To amend the general law for the incorporation of life and health insurance companies. Making the crime of arson more comprehensive. Increasing cases in which jury trial may be had in the Courts of New-York. Appointing Commissioners to amend the charter of Buffalo. To amend the charter of the village of Cortland. To incorporate the Port Jervis Savings Bank, the Central Savings Bank of New-York, the New-York State Poultry Society and the New-York Amusement Company. For three additional Commissioners of Public Charities, to be nominated by the Governor. Encouraging the organization of town agricultural societies. To incorporate the Flushing Library Association and the Howard Literary Association of Brooklyn. To authorize the sending of Kings County convicts under five years to the county penitentiary. To authorize Binghamton to purchase two toll bridges. To authorize the town of Homer to issue bonds for the completion of the Courtland Academy. To amend the charter of Ogdensburgh.

The special order, the Broadway Surface Railroad bill, was taken up in the Senate for consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. FOLGER proposed an amendment that the bill should not go into force until thirty days after becoming a law. For twenty days the corporators of the bill shall have the privilege of depositing $2,000,000 with the City Chamberlain for the sinking fund of the City. If they fail so to do, then for the remaining ten days any other persons may deposit such amount, and thus become the corporators of the bill. If nobody deposits the same, then the corporators who present the bill are to have the franchise for nothing.

The bill was supported by Messrs. FOLGER, MORGAN and others, and opposed by Messrs. CREAMER, GENET and GRAHAM.

All the material amendments were rejected in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. O'DONNELL moved to amend that the capital stock of said road be assessed in the same manner and rate as now provided by law for real estate. Lost—18 to 17.

Mr. O'DONNELL offered a resolution that no railroad be constructed under this act until a majority of the tax-payers, representing a majority of the taxable property along the route, consent thereto. Lost—18 to 17.

Mr. O'DONNELL offered a resolution that the consent of the Common Council shall be first obtained. Lost—10 to 26.

Mr. O'DONNELL offered a resolution that no railroad shall be constructed which interferes with a grant for franchise heretofore authorized by local authorities. Lost—7 to 22.

Mr. MORGAN offered a resolution to sell on the 1st day of June this franchise at public sale, at the Court-house, to the highest bidder. Lost—10 to 19.

Mr. FOLGER's amendment, offered in Committee of the Whole, that the act is not to take effect within thirty days, as above given, was lost.

Mr. PARKER moved to strike out of the routes all not specially named in the bill limiting it substantially to Broadway and Lexington-avenue. Lost—14 to 18.

Mr. MORGAN offered an amendment to the bill, that the corporators, as a condition to the grant, before commencing the construction of the road, pay to the City Chamberlain $2,000,000 for the use of said streets. Lost—10 to 20.

Mr. MORGAN offered a resolution that they first pay to the City Treasury $150,000. Lost—11 to 19.

Mr. O'DONNELL moved to insert "Comptroller of the State" for "Chamberlain." Lost—12 to 8.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was agreed to, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

REPORTS.

Amending the State Excise law, so that licenses may be granted on petition of a majority of tax-payers. To widen Ninth-avenue and Fifteenth-street, Brooklyn.

On the request of Mr. TWEED the bill incorporating the New-York Amusement Company was put on its third reading and passed.

BILLS PASSED.

Authorizing the New-York and Highland Bridge Company to build a bridge across the Harlem River. To amend the charters of Richfield Springs and Little Falls. Relating to St. Joseph's Asylum at Rochester. Establishing a public place in Ninth-avenue and Sixty-third-street. To amend the law relative to the drainage of marsh lands.

Adjourned until Monday evening.

ASSEMBLY.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

For the removal of Genesee College to Syracuse—75 to 16. To facilitate the trial of indictments—afterward passed.

The Speaker presented resolutions of the Produce Exchange for increasing the efficiency of canals.

First—That the people of the State regard with just pride their magnificent system of canals, and that a reform in the management and improvement in the capacity are imperatively demanded by the strongest considerations of a political, State and national economy.

Second—The duty of the Legislature is to propose an amendment to the Constitution, giving it authority to borrow money upon the pledge of canal revenues in such sums as may be necessary to improve the canals to a maximum capacity for transportation, in order to prevent diversion of their trade by competing routes, and save them from those now threatened gigantic rivalries sustained by national aid.

Third—The Legislature will be requested to authorize the appointment of a board of five engineers, or three engineers and two civilians, to investigate the present condition of the canals, and report at the next Legislature the most feasible plan to improve them.

Mr. HIXON presented the memorial of O. B. LATHAM, one of the New Capitol Commissioners, in reference to the proposed plan for a new Capitol, with criticisms on the same.

Mr. HIXON offered a resolution for a Joint Committee to examine the plans and report to the Legislature what plan should be adopted, with power to send for persons and papers. Tabled after debate.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

For the Underground Railroad in New-York (being known as the Vanderberg bill. To incorporate the Brooklyn City Market Company. To authorize the extension of Avenue C Railroad. Relative to loaning money by individuals or corporations. This bill is intended to prevent the locking up of greenbacks by cumulative loans.

Adjourned until Monday evening.

National Guard News and Gossip.

The Seventh Regiment Reception, which occurred on Thursday evening at the Academy of Music, was a grand success, and the Committees having the arrangements in hand deserve great credit for their exertions. The details of the affair have already received extended notice.

The report that Colonel Wilcox, of the Ninth Regiment, had applied for a transfer of his command from the Third to the First Brigade is authoritatively denied by Colonel Wilcox. Captain Fitzsimmons, of Troop F of the First Regiment Cavalry, also denies that his command are desirous of being transferred to the Washington Grey Cavalry Battalion.

On Monday evening, Company A of the Sixty-ninth Regiment gave their eighteenth annual ball, at the armory, corner of Ludlow and Grand streets. The occasion was a genuine success.

In compliance with orders issued by Colonel W. W. Remmey, the wings of the Twenty-second Regiment will assemble for battalion drill, in fatigue uniform, with leggings and white gloves, as follows: Right—Companies A, B, H and K, on Monday evening, April 12, and Tuesday evening, April 20. Left—Companies D, E, G, C and F, on Wednesday evening, April 14, and Thursday evening, April 22. Company commanders will be held responsible for the prompt appearance of their Companies, and will take position in order as named, Companies B and G carrying the colors. All visitors will be excluded from the floor of the drill-room on these nights. Lieutenant Franklin will act as adjutant at the drills of the right wing, and Lieutenant Freeland at those of the left wing. Movements will be confined to part I., II., III., School of the Battalion, Upton's Tactics. A Regimental Court-martial is ordered to be held at the armory April 28, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the trial of all delinquencies and deficiencies among the non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates in this regiment. The following changes are announced: Discharges—Company C, private J. Frank Phillips; Company D, privates Cornelius M. Kellock, A. Judson Stone, Henry V. Myers; Company E, private Thomas S. Adlance; Company H, privates J. H. Stallman, C. A. Meigs, James H. Percival and J. R. Silliman, all for expiration of service. Elections—First Lieutenant R. B. Lockwood, to be Captain, vice Grant, resigned; Adjutant W. C. Besson, to be Captain, vice Camp, promoted; Dunnelle Van Schaick, to be First Lieutenant, vice Lockwood, promoted; First Sergeant Thomas Comisky, to be First Lieutenant, vice Boardman, resigned. Appointments—Dr. Louis A. Rodenstein, to be Surgeon, vice Herrick, retired; Private Wm. F. Seymour, Company C, left general guide, with rank of Sergeant; Sergeant F. M. Geer, to be Quartermaster-Sergeant Company D, original vacancy. Resignation—Captain John H. Palmer. Private John A. Kane, Company A, having been expelled for conduct unbecoming a soldier and a gentleman, the action is approved and confirmed; Sergeant W. H. Babcock, Company H, has been reduced to the ranks for habitual neglect of duty and disobedience of orders.

The Fifth Regiment intend making a full dress street parade on the 19th inst., in commemoration of the anniversary of their organization. The command will be reviewed by Mayor HALL during the day. Regimental line will be formed in Hester-street, in front of the armory, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. precisely. Field and staff will report mounted to the Colonel-commanding, in front of the armory, at 1:30. Non-commissioned staff, band and field music will report to the Adjutant fifteen minutes before formation. Colors to be received on the ground.

Lieutenant Fleischl, of Troop D, First Cavalry, has recently been presented with a handsome sash, sword and belt, by his company, as a mark of respect and esteem. The occasion was the principal object of an afternoon sociable of Troops D and I, at Elm Park, on Monday. Several leading officers of the regiment were present.

Colonel Wm. S. Carr, of the Eighth Regiment, makes the following announcements: The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Officers will be held at the armory, on Monday evening, April 12, at 8 o'clock. Company division drills have been discontinued. The officers and non-commissioned officers will report in fatigue dress, with side arms, for drill, at the armory, on the 15th and 21st inst. Resignations—Captain Isaac Cohen, Company I; Captain John F. Dürfee, Company G; Captain Wm. H. McIntire, Company F—all for expiration of service; First Lieutenant George S. Lorigan, Company D, removed from district; First Lieutenant Edward M. Bloomer, Company H, expiration of service; Second Lieutenant Charles H. Moore, Company D, disability. Elections—Michael Maguire, Captain Company I, vice Cohen, resigned; John G. Barker, Captain Company F, vice McIntire, resigned; Michael Roche, First Lieutenant Company D, vice Lorigan, resigned; Henry Borhard, Second Lieutenant Company K, vice Cohen, resigned; Oliver W. Cook, Second Lieutenant Company D, vice Moore, resigned; John P. Leslie, Second Lieutenant Company G, vice Morrison, deceased; L. A. Meyers, Second Lieutenant Company F, vice Barker, promoted. Expulsion—For disrespectful language, Private Charles Ostem, of Company G. Appointments—Josephus R. Hills, Sergeant-Major, vice John Angus, reduced; Max Jacoby, hospital steward, vice Hills, promoted; Henry Lewenberg, right general guide, vice Jacoby, promoted; A. C. Carillon, left general guide, vice Lewenberg, promoted. The Commandant's headquarters are established at No. 110 Centre-street, and the Adjutant's at No. 76 Nassau-street.

A general Court-martial is ordered to be held at the armory of the Seventy-first Regiment, in West Thirty-second-street, on the 16th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the trial of Second Lieutenant John H. Horsfall, of Company A, Twelfth Infantry, and others accused of minor offences. The officers for the Court are: Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Rockefeller and Captain E. S. Runeon, Seventy-first Infantry; Captain H. B. Smith, Twelfth Infantry; Major George R. Schleidin, Judge-Advocate.

An order has been issued by Colonel Leggett to the Thirty-seventh Regiment, in which he directs the commissioned and non-commissioned officers to assemble in fatigue uniform, at the Regimental Armory, for drill, on Friday, April 9, at 8 o'clock P. M. precisely. The regimental wings will assemble, in fatigue uniform, at the armory, for battalion drills, as follows: Companies B, H, C and A, Tuesday, April 13 and 20; Companies K, G, D and E, Thursday, April 15 and 22; the entire command, Thursday, April 29. The regiment having adopted a fatigue uniform, consisting of gray cap, jacket and pants, trimmed with red and gilt, with white cross and bowy belts, such uniform is declared to be the uniform of this regiment, and none other will be recognized after April 29. Captain Howard Galpen, Company G, has resigned. The following privates have been honorably discharged: Jabez A. Bishop and Floyd Smith, Jr., Company A; E. G. Waldo, Seth M. Corwin, Peter B. Ross and John H. Williams, Company C; George T. Leach, Company E; Charles S. Conway, Company F; Jacob Cat, Company G, all for expiration of service. Company B, the Ulrich Rifles, have been duly organized, and Sergeant Gustavus Landman has been elected Captain of Company E, vice Jacob Ellis, resigned. Quartermaster Edward S. Brehm, being absent from his regiment, has repeatedly disobeyed orders, is suspended, until further orders, and Commissary Frederick W. Lutz is appointed Acting Quartermaster until further orders.

At an election held by G Company, Twenty-seventh Regiment, on Monday evening, 8th inst., to fill vacancy in the office of Captain, caused by the resignation of Captain Howard Galpen, Second Lieutenant Charles E. Leland was unanimously elected to fill said vacancy. Lieutenant Cary and First Sergeant Fredenburgh were promoted to the positions of First and Second Lieutenants. Corporal Lewis E. Post was elected First Sergeant. After the elections Lieutenant Leland extended to parties of refreshments at the barrel-house of the newly-elected officers. Many bumpers were pledged to their success and fame of the Company, which, by the way, has taken a new lease of life under the command of Captain Leland, muster of regiment attributes to the Twenty-second Regiment.

The Eighth Company of the Seventh Regiment have presented their commander, Captain George W. Smith, with a splendid Jurgensen watch, as a mark of their esteem.

The First Cavalry Bugle Corps gave their first annual invitation ball, on Wednesday evening, at the National Assembly Rooms.

On dit that the Twenty-second Regiment intend having a field day for the purpose of extended target practice.

Major Joseph C. Harding, of the Eleventh Brigade Staff has been designated as a Court-martial, for the trial of all delinquents in the battalion of the Thirty-second Regiment, to the date of Aug. 4, 1868. Said Court will convene on the 28th April, 1869, at 8 o'clock P. M., at such place as the Court may direct.

The bill of dress for the use of the Twenty-second Regiment, adopted by a two-third vote of the officers and members of the command, and approved by the brigade and division commanders, has been allowed, and authorized to be worn by that regiment. The uniform, as adopted and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, is ordered as the dress uniform of the command, and the officers will procure the uniforms without delay, excepting those whose terms of service expire on or before Jan. 1, 1870, with whom it will be optional. A description of the new dress uniform will be published in book form for the information of the regiment.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

A fire occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the basement of the building No. 9 South William and No. 61 Stone streets, occupied by M. CALLIGAN, cotton sampler, who sustained a loss of $3,000. B. J. H. TRASK, commission merchant, on the first floor, sustained a loss of $200; insured in the Metropolitan. The building is owned by BENEDE, BROWN & PITKENEY; loss $1,500; insured for $5,000 in the Mechanics' and Traders', $5,000 in the Resolute, and $10,000 in two other companies. Origin unknown.

A fire occurred in ROBT. WILSON'S fancy store, No. 15½ Catharine-street, last night, and occasioned a loss of $600; insured for $6,000 in the Rutgers and Hamilton. P. TERRY, on the third floor, lost $50; insured for $5,000....Some cotton in the hall-way of No. 60 Mulberry-street, caught fire last night in a very mysterious manner, but was extinguished with trifling damage....The chimney of No. 225 Chrystie-street, caught fire also, and caused some slight damage.

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MATTHEW KITTERA, a hand in the employ of BLESS & DRAKE, foundrymen, was caught at 5 o'clock yesterday in the office of the Company, where he had evidently been some time engaged in attempting to effect an entrance into the iron safe, the outer casing having been broken open with a hammer and cold chisel. When arrested he pretended to go into a trance, and remained in that condition all day.

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William M. Tweed, Jr., as Receiver of the Property of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in this State, or within its Jurisdiction, or which may hereafter come into this State, or be subject to its Jurisdiction, vs. Henry C. Crane and the Corn Exchange Bank.—Receiver Tweed has just commenced an action, and obtained an injunction against the Corn Exchange Bank. The injunction is based upon the complaint of the plaintiff and the affidavit of one Aaron K. Corey. The complainant, after setting forth the fact that he has been duly appointed a receiver of the property of the Union Pacific Railroad in this State; that a similar action is pending in the Supreme Court in which James Fisk, Jr., is plaintiff, and the Union Pacific and others are defendants; that the receiver has duly filed the bond required by law; that he has taken in his Fisk suit have been regular, &c., proceeds as follows: That as plaintiff is informed and believes the defendant Crane is an officer of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and that he has now or formerly had, as an individual or as a trustee in the Corn Exchange Bank, which is one of the defendants, and is a banking corporation created by and existing under the laws of the State of New-York, and doing business in the City of New-York, a large amount of money, being the sum of $6,000,000 or thereabouts, and that no part of said money belongs to the said Crane, but that the whole thereof belongs to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and is the proceeds of its bonds, or of bonds issued by the Government of the United States to it, and sold by it, and was there deposited in the name of the said Crane for the purpose of concealing the same from the plaintiff, and the whole of said money properly belongs to the plaintiff as receiver, under the orders aforesaid. That the plaintiff is apprehensive that the moneys restrained by injunction the said Crane will remove the said money from the jurisdiction of this Court, and that as he is informed and believes the defendant, the Corn Exchange Bank, has no claim to the moneys. Wherefore, the plaintiff demands judgment: 1. That the said money may be declared to be the property of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. 2. That the defendants may be directed to pay the said money over to the plaintiff, and to execute any necessary papers thereto. 3. That the defendant Crane may be restrained by injunction from withdrawing, receiving, paying, assigning, or otherwise disposing of any funds or money therein deposited to the credit of the defendant, Crane, or to any firm other than the plaintiff, and from permitting the said Crane to withdraw the same, or any part thereof, upon certifying or honoring his checks, or doing any other act or thing that may defeat the plaintiff's claim to said money.

Aaron K. Corey swears he is informed by a person having knowledge of the facts, but who refuses to make an affidavit, and believes that the defendant, the Corn Exchange Bank, is a banking corporation, and that the said Crane is a director in said bank, and that he has been such director for some time, and that he is a director of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and that he has been such director for some time, and that he has been such director in obedience to orders of officers of said Company, and that said Crane has in his possession a large part of the property of Thomas G. Durant, Vice-President of said Company, as reported by the official stenographer, and that, that said Durant testified under oath, that said Crane was, on the 20th day of March last, the confidential clerk and business manager of said Durant, and a director of the said Company, and believes such statement to be true. He is also informed and believes that the said Crane has constantly in the office of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and has no other business than the service of said Durant and said Company.

INJUNCTION ORDER.

It appearing to me, by the affidavit of Aaron K. Corey and the complaint duly verified by the plaintiff, that a sufficient ground for an order of injunction exists, I do hereby order that the defendant, the Corn Exchange Bank, its officers, agents and servants refrain from disposing of, assigning, transferring, paying, or otherwise disposing of any funds or money, and any money, notes, bonds, securities or other property held by said Bank or by any of its officers, agents or servants for, or in the name of, or in trust for the above named Henry C. Crane, either in an individual or as co-trustee, and from permitting the said Crane to withdraw the same or any part thereof, and from certifying, or honoring his checks, or doing any other act or thing that may defeat the claim of the plaintiff to said money, and from the said Henry C. Crane refusing from drawing, receiving, paying, disposing, transferring, pledging, hypothecating, or otherwise disposing of any moneys, notes, bonds, or other property, until the further order of this Court; and in case of disobedience to this order, you will be liable to the punishment provided by law.

Dated NEW-YORK, April 9, 1869.

GEORGE G. BARNARD, J.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE REFEREE.

The references in the contempt proceedings to assess Mr. Fisk's damages, resulting from the contempt complained of by him, on the part of the Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, was to have come on yesterday before Mr. Redfield, at 10:30 A. M., but Mr. Beaklimayd appeared on behalf of Messrs. Oliver and Odell Shepard, the Directors in contempt. Mr. Redfield, according to this request, said, that in view of other proceedings now pending, he would be unable to fix a day for the hearing, until next week.

Mr. D. H. Field with Mr. Tweed, the receiver, and an accountant were very busy all day in examining and copying the papers found in the safe, which are said to be of the utmost importance, and to reveal the relations between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Credit Mobilier of America, the proceedings of the Board of Directors communications intended only for that body, and minutes of meetings, the latter, though for the most part written in pencil, fill up the hiatus (in a measure) caused by the absence of the minute books of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Mr. Field confidently expects to elicit some important testimony from the witnesses at the next examination of the alleged fraudulent disposition of the funds of the Company, by putting them face to face with the documents in question.

Mr. Field starts for Washington to-day, and his absence must necessarily retard the proceedings for a few days. The next hearing will probably be one of the most interesting.

Asa proof of the intimacy of the dealings between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Credit Mobilier of America, the following extracts by the accountants from the books of the two Companies may be cited and may prove interesting and instructive.

The subscription book discovered yesterday of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in their safe, being the second found therein, contains an entry showing that B. F. Ham subscribed for 20,000 shares on the day that Fisk, Jr., is said to have subscribed.

The Fiscal Agency added to was the origin, as will be seen, of the Credit Mobilier, and the advent of G. F. Train is made precise.

Construction Ledger Union Pacific Railroad Company: "N. P. Hoxie, Feb. '68, to May, '67, $422,940 13; page 101, March, '68, to May, '67, cash account, total, $2,279,456 02; Credit Mobilier of America, (page 181,) March '68, to Aug. '67, $1,000,000 00.

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Copy of only entries found in stock book of the Credit Mobilier—2,421 shares—Ch. M. Hall, 5 per cent paid—number of certificates—Date May 28, 1868—number of shares, 2,421. The Pennsylvania Fiscal Agency—par value of shares, $100. This certificate that Charles M. Hall, entitled to twenty-four hundred and twenty-one shares in the capital stock of the Pennsylvania Fiscal Agency, transferable on the books of the Company in person or by attorney, upon surrender of this certificate and the payment of all installments then due, $5 per share having been paid thereon. Witness the seal of the Company and signature of the President and Secretary, this 29th day of May, 1868. On back: For value received, I hereby transfer to George Francis Train my subscription for twenty-four hundred and twenty-one shares of stock in the Pennsylvania Fiscal Agency, he having assumed all my liabilities on said stock, 2,421 shares. This assignment of 2,421 shares of stock in said Company is made subject to the conditions of an article of agreement held by the parties in interest of same date as title: Philadelphia, March 2, 1864. Ch. M. Hall, (seal); witness present, Sam. E. Billmeyer. Here follows assignor transfer of 2,420 shares held by O. W. Barnes; date of good number of the parents and citizens. There were music, dialogues, speakings and written themes. One of the little girls gave a brilliant recitation.

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Before Judge Barnard.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD—AN ACTION BY THE RECEIVER—INJUNCTION AGAINST THE CORN EXCHANGE BANK.

William M. Tweed, Jr., as Receiver of the Property of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in this State, or within its Jurisdiction, or which may hereafter come into this State, or be subject to its Jurisdiction, vs. Henry C. Crane and the Corn Exchange Bank.—Receiver Tweed has just commenced an action, and obtained an injunction against the Corn Exchange Bank. The injunction is based upon the complaint of the plaintiff and the affidavit of one Aaron K. Corey. The complainant, after setting forth the fact that he has been duly appointed a receiver of the property of the Union Pacific Railroad in this State; that a similar action is pending in the Supreme Court in which James Fisk, Jr., is plaintiff, and the Union Pacific and others are defendants; that the receiver has duly filed the bond required by law; that he has taken in his Fisk suit have been regular, &c., proceeds as follows: That as plaintiff is informed and believes the defendant Crane is an officer of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and that he has now or formerly had, as an individual or as a trustee in the Corn Exchange Bank, which is one of the defendants, and is a banking corporation created by and existing under the laws of the State of New-York, and doing business in the City of New-York, a large amount of money, being the sum of $6,000,000 or thereabouts, and that no part of said money belongs to the said Crane, but that the whole thereof belongs to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and is the proceeds of its bonds, or of bonds issued by the Government of the United States to it, and sold by it, and was there deposited in the name of the said Crane for the purpose of concealing the same from the plaintiff, and the whole of said money properly belongs to the plaintiff as receiver, under the orders aforesaid. That the plaintiff is apprehensive that the moneys restrained by injunction the said Crane will remove the said money from the jurisdiction of this Court, and that as he is informed and believes the defendant, the Corn Exchange Bank, has no claim to the moneys. Wherefore, the plaintiff demands judgment: 1. That the said money may be declared to be the property of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. 2. That the defendants may be directed to pay the said money over to the plaintiff, and to execute any necessary papers thereto. 3. That the defendant Crane may be restrained by injunction from withdrawing, receiving, paying, assigning, or otherwise disposing of any funds or money therein deposited to the credit of the defendant, Crane, or to any firm other than the plaintiff, and from permitting the said Crane to withdraw the same, or any part thereof, upon certifying or honoring his checks, or doing any other act or thing that may defeat the plaintiff's claim to said money.

Aaron K. Corey swears he is informed by a person having knowledge of the facts, but who refuses to make an affidavit, and believes that the defendant, the Corn Exchange Bank, is a banking corporation, and that the said Crane is a director in said bank, and that he has been such director for some time, and that he has been such director in obedience to orders of officers of said Company, and that said Crane has in his possession a large part of the property of Thomas G. Durant, Vice-President of said Company, as reported by the official stenographer, and that, that said Durant testified under oath, that said Crane was, on the 20th day of March last, the confidential clerk and business manager of said Durant, and a director of the said Company, and believes such statement to be true. He is also informed and believes that the said Crane has constantly in the office of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and has no other business than the service of said Durant and said Company.

INJUNCTION ORDER.

It appearing to me, by the affidavit of Aaron K. Corey and the complaint duly verified by the plaintiff, that a sufficient ground for an order of injunction exists, I do hereby order that the defendant, the Corn Exchange Bank, its officers, agents and servants refrain from disposing of, assigning, transferring, paying, or otherwise disposing of any funds or money, and any money, notes, bonds, securities or other property held by said Bank or by any of its officers, agents or servants for, or in the name of, or in trust for the above named Henry C. Crane, either in an individual or as co-trustee, and from permitting the said Crane to withdraw the same or any part thereof, and from certifying, or honoring his checks, or doing any other act or thing that may defeat the claim of the plaintiff to said money, and from the said Henry C. Crane refusing from drawing, receiving, paying, disposing, transferring, pledging, hypothecating, or otherwise disposing of any moneys, notes, bonds, or other property, until the further order of this Court; and in case of disobedience to this order, you will be liable to the punishment provided by law.

Dated NEW-YORK, April 9, 1869.

GEORGE G. BARNARD, J.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE REFEREE.

The references in the contempt proceedings to assess Mr. Fisk's damages, resulting from the contempt complained of by him, on the part of the Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, was to have come on yesterday before Mr. Redfield, at 10:30 A. M., but Mr. Beaklimayd appeared on behalf of Messrs. Oliver and Odell Shepard, the Directors in contempt. Mr. Redfield, according to this request, said, that in view of other proceedings now pending, he would be unable to fix a day for the hearing, until next week.

Mr. D. H. Field with Mr. Tweed, the receiver, and an accountant were very busy all day in examining and copying the papers found in the safe, which are said to be of the utmost importance, and to reveal the relations between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Credit Mobilier of America, the proceedings of the Board of Directors communications intended only for that body, and minutes of meetings, the latter, though for the most part written in pencil, fill up the hiatus (in a measure) caused by the absence of the minute books of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Mr.